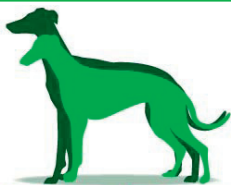


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Cover: Dora (Africa) and Leo (Martin) happily homed in Berkshire



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News Update

Dear Friends,

We were deeply saddened to hear the news that Dame Jilly Cooper DBE had passed away early October. Jilly was a dedicated Patron and friend of Greyhounds in Need, whose kindness and love for greyhounds touched so many lives and we are profoundly grateful for her support over the years.

We are honoured to accept donations in memory of our Patron, Dame Jilly Cooper whose passion and commitment to greyhounds and galgos will continue through the work she inspired and be remembered always.

Donations can be made through our website, over the telephone—01784 483206, cheques can be sent to our office or by bank transfer, of which our details can be found on page 24 for this.



Photo: Judy Zatonski

Time flies and here we are again nearly at the end of another busy year at GIN HQ. We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and catch up on our work over the last 6 months. Our workload continues to increase but it does make the days go quickly keeping busy. We couldn't do our work without the great support you continue to give us.



Our April galgos have now all been adopted and have settled in well in their new homes, you can see more news on their adoptions on pages 30—31.

Long term kennel resident Viento who celebrated his 6th birthday there this year finally found his forever home with his previous kennel mate from Galgos Del Sol called Twig—it's a small world. See him with all his new four legged family members on page 31. He has settled in so well and we are so very happy for him.

Early in the New year we will start to prepare along with Tina from GDS for our next group of galgos arrival in the Spring.

The interest in the galgos continues to be good and we are very fortunate to have long term supporter Sue who helps us with the homing. We are very grateful for all she does and the time she devotes to finding our lovely rescues their wonderful forever homes.

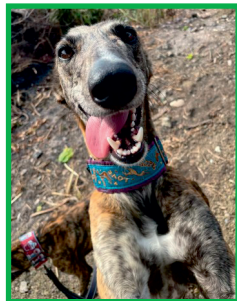
Sue has recently adopted 2 galgos who are the stars on the front cover of this newsletter, Dora (Africa) and Leo (Martin)

Membership renewals can now be made for 2026, we will be sending out our usual reminder letters in early December as many supporters have asked us to remind them.

If you would like to become a member of Greyhounds in Need CIO please complete the form on page 20 or alternatively it can be found on our website under "help us".



The money raised from memberships, donations, fundraising, merchandise sales and our sponsorship scheme enables us to continue and expand our work.



Our 2026 calendars and diaries are available now along with our 2025 Christmas cards and other items for you and your dogs. We feature some of our new items on page 18 and many more in the enclosed catalogue — please take a look and also visit our site.

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

Our Christmas Treats appeal is always popular and you can treat the galgos again this year by completing the form on page 19.



Woof!



Once again Geraldine and Maria have worked very hard the last 6 months for which I am truly grateful. I would like to say a very **BIG** thank you to them for all their help at GIN HQ, not forgetting galgo Jake who supervises from his bed most of the time. I would also like to extend my thanks to our regular volunteers for their help in the office, homing the galgos, events and to all our supporters around the country for all their hard work raising funds throughout the year which enables us to continue our work for the greyhounds and galgos.

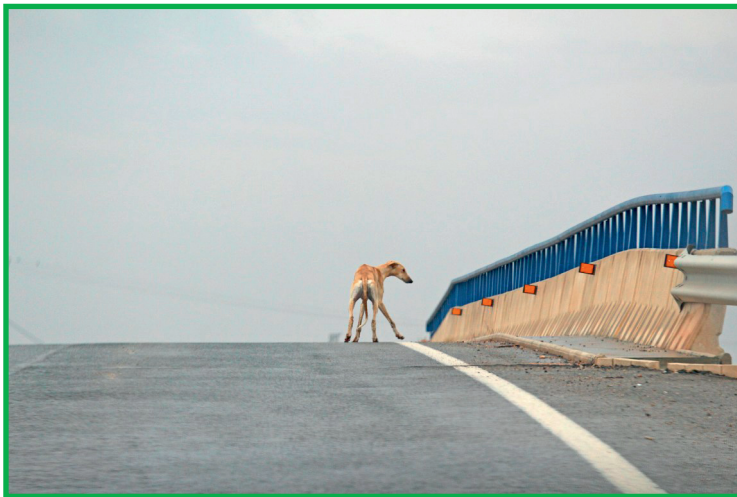
I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your families and dogs.

Tracey x



As the Spanish hunting season begins each October, thousands of galgos take to the fields. These elegant, loyal dogs run their hearts out for their hunters. However, when the season ends around January 31st, many are cast aside as they are no longer seen as 'useful'.

Earlier this year, police in Madrid found one young galgo shut away in a dark storeroom, alone, frightened, and surrounded by its own waste. No light, no food, no comfort. Just silence. Sadly, stories like this are all too common. When February arrives, so will a wave of abandonment across Spain.



Recent figures from Fundación Affinity show that more than 292,000 dogs and cats were abandoned in Spain in 2024, an increase from the previous year. Among them are countless galgos.

Despite the introduction of Spain's 2023 Animal Welfare Law, hunting dogs, such as galgos, were controversially excluded from many of its protections; a loophole that continues to leave them vulnerable to neglect and abuse.

And yet, there is hope. Across Spain, local shelters are out there every day rescuing, healing, and rehoming these gentle souls. Some run schools' programmes, helping children develop empathy and compassion for these dogs, planting the seeds of real, lasting change.

Greyhounds in Need is proud to support these incredible people. We help fund shelter facilities, veterinary care, food, education programmes, and safe transport to loving homes across Europe. But we can't do it without you.



We know times are challenging for everyone right now, but your support truly makes a difference. Every donation helps a galgo find safety. Every fundraiser, every conversation, every act of kindness helps shine a light into the dark places where too many galgos are still waiting to be found.

With thanks as always for your support,

Sam x



Our Work Abroad



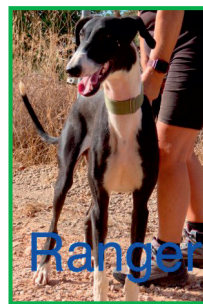
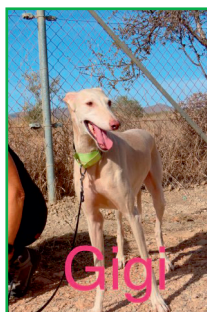
Photos: Galgos Rescue Almeria



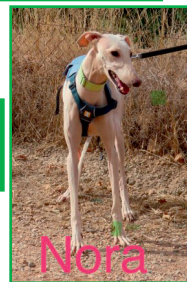
The new puppy block we funded earlier this year at Galgos Rescue Almeria has been a great help to Sandy and her team. The puppies have had great fun socialising together away from the other rescue dogs.

We helped them further this Summer and paid for some awnings to be fitted on the puppy block to create much needed shade for the puppies from the hot Spanish sunshine.

Earlier this year we were approached by a shelter called LovingDogs for some help with the galgos they rescue. They are based in the Cartagena region of Spain and offer a safe home to the dogs they receive, while they look for a warm, lasting home for each of them. We sent them some care packages containing donated dog coats, towels, blankets etc. of which they were truly grateful. We agreed to help them going forward and we have been able to give some funding towards the veterinary costs involved for the galgos they rescue. Here are some photos of the dogs we have helped so far and we look forward to working with them in the future.



Photos:
LovingDogs



We mentioned last year about taking some galgos from Sandy, Galgos Rescue Almeria to France, for homing by Catherine Madry of Lévriers en Détresse.

This was delayed until this year and in September Catherine and her team took 6 galgos to find their forever homes in France. GIN helped fund the transport costs for this and it was a great success.



Catherine has already had 4 reserved for adoption and here are some pictures of their safe arrival in France.

Photos: Lévriers en Détresse



Cid



Buria



Holly



Daisy



Joseph



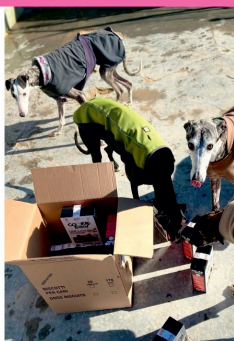
Diana

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



We have got some exciting projects we are currently working on with the shelters we support and more details will be in our Spring/Summer 2026 newsletter.



Please take a look at our website, under the International Aid section, to see the greyhounds and galgos we have been able to help in all the shelters we support.

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Fundraising



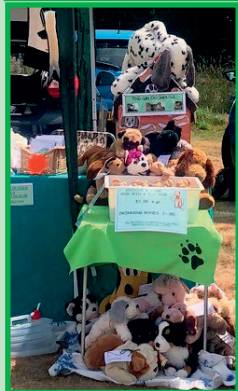
GIN once again had two stalls at Englefield Green Village Fair in June which happened to fall on one of the hottest days of the year. We raised around £475 and people were

very interested to learn all about the galgos and the work we do.

Unfortunately the hounds had to stay at home this year to keep cool and left it to us humans pictured here.



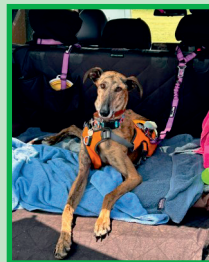
Tracey, Maria, Lynda and Sue



Despite the hot weather we were kept busy throughout the afternoon selling tombola tickets, merchandise and lots of other activities to raise funds. The GIN Doghouse game is always a great success with the children, this involves picking out a bonio biscuit buried one end in sand which could have a number on it or be blank. Lucky winners picking a bonio with a number on it then win a soft toy dog with the same number.



Sue and Lynda kindly supported GIN again at the Twyford Scouts Donkey Derby Summer Fair in early June. The pleasant weather brought out the crowds and it was a successful day raising funds and awareness for the charity. Leo enjoyed people watching and was on hand to supervise the ladies.





GIN



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 once again. With tickets and linked donations we raised £3664. Our eBay volunteer Janet and her assistant galgo Leo kindly drew the winning tickets for us.

The winners were:

1st Prize - £500 to Nicki Porter,
Suffolk

2nd Prize - £250 to Mr & Mrs Walby,
West Sussex

3rd Prize - £100 to Miss M Laurence,
Bedfordshire

There were also runner up prizes to entries from **Somerset, Wales, Berkshire, Middlesex, West Yorkshire and Aberdeenshire.**



Thank you to everyone else who has raised money in their own way for **GIN** this year whether it be organising stalls, dog walks, street collections, car boot sales etc. which helps to raise funds towards our work but also helps spread awareness of our work and that of the groups we support in Spain.



Also a very **BIG** thank you to all our supporters that continue to knit and sew many coats, snoods and blankets throughout the year which we pack in the large care packages we send to the shelters we support in Spain, who are always very grateful to receive them.



If you feel you can help us with fundraising please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us 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 and on our FB page so please regularly visit for the latest news.

Free Spanish Hounds: Marching for Spain's hunting dogs

In 2022 we adopted our Galgo, Tapas, from Greyhounds in Need (GIN). Like many other adopters, I followed Spanish shelters on social media and was deeply disturbed by their images and stories of mistreatment. Then in 2023 the Spanish government excluded hunting dogs from Spain's new animal welfare laws. Around the same time, I saw a post about international Galgo marches and asked in the comments if there was one in the UK. The answer was no.

I soon realised I wasn't alone in thinking the UK should join these marches. Through social media connections, I got in touch with a few others. We were introduced to Teresa, the international coordinator for NAC, the Spanish animal rights movement that organises peaceful protests for the Spanish hunting dogs. Not long after, Heather, Gem and the Hope for Podencos team and I came together to establish **Free Spanish Hounds**.

None of us had ever organised a protest before, let alone one involving dogs! Our top priority was to ensure the safety of the people and the dogs. We were lucky to have a strong community of adopters and animal lovers who offered advice and practical help: from graphic design and PR to stewarding, photography, and even custom vests and collars for the dogs. GIN and Project Galgo joined Hope for Podencos as supporting charities, helping us spread the word.

Our first peaceful protest took place in London on 3 February 2024. Around 200 people and 150 dogs gathered outside the Spanish Embassy, where Teresa read NAC's manifesto. We then marched through central London, via Trafalgar Square to Charing Cross. Many dogs wore the Spanish colours, not as a celebration, but to distinguish them as survivors of Spain's hunting culture. Along the way, people stopped to ask about our cause, giving us the chance to raise awareness directly.



London 2025 Photo: Pawtige



Manchester 2025 Photo: Huddersfield photogwoofy

Encouraged by the support we received in 2024, and responding to requests for protests beyond London, we launched an appeal for volunteers. Thanks to their efforts, on 1 February 2025 marches took place simultaneously in London, Manchester, and Glasgow. More than 400 people and around 300 dogs took part. While Podencos had been the majority in our first protest, I was personally pleased to see more Galgos joining in this year!

Our movement is growing. Each march brings more support with people across the UK wanting to get involved. In 2026, we will be expanding again, allowing our supporters from the South West of England to join: London, Glasgow, Manchester, and Exeter. The marches will take place over two days: Saturday 31st January in Manchester, Glasgow, and Exeter, and Sunday 1st February in London.



Glasgow 2025 Photo: The Faithful Hound Photography

Updates and details will be shared on our social media feeds. You can follow us on Instagram at [@free.spanish.hounds](https://www.instagram.com/free_spanish_hounds) or on Facebook at [Free Spanish Hounds](https://www.facebook.com/FreeSpanishHounds)

I hope to see many more GIN adopters and supporters of all sighthounds, joining us next year. Together, we can give Spanish hunting dogs the voice they deserve.

By Adva Shimshy



Join our peaceful protest. Be their voice in 2026.



PLATAFORMA
NAC
info@plataformanac.org

In 2026 we will be marching in support of NAC in 4 locations:

31st Jan: Manchester, Glasgow & Exeter
1st Feb: London

Visit our website to sign up and join us:
www.freespanishhounds.co.uk



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Free Spanish Hounds



Marching for Galgos and Podenco rights

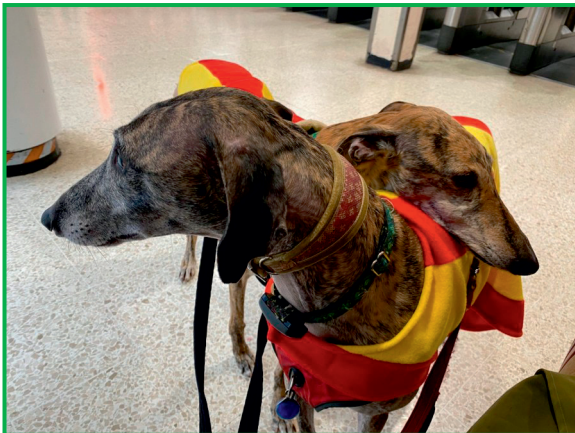
In both February 2024 and 2025, London joined many other cities with a peaceful march against Spain's continued tradition of hunting with Galgos and Podencos. I was determined to attend with Hendrik, who I adopted from GIN in 2022. I wanted to lend our voices and paws to the cause and help raise awareness of the cruelty these gentle dogs endure.

Before the first march, I admit I felt a little apprehensive about bringing Hendrik. He can be nervous around unfamiliar dogs and people, and he had never been to London before. To prepare, we made a "practice run" a week before the main event, travelling by train with his friend Tango and his hoomum to central London for a relaxed walk. To my relief, both boys enjoyed the outing and took the bustling city in stride.



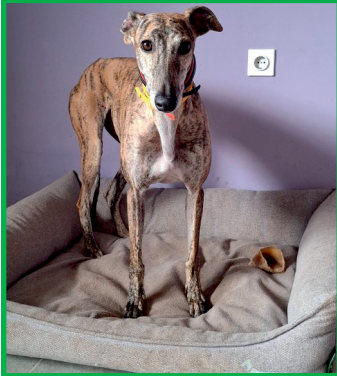
When the day of the march arrived, my worries melted away. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming, and incredibly respectful. Organisers and fellow participants were mindful of nervous dogs, giving them plenty of space and ensuring everyone felt safe and comfortable. Hendrik, Tango, his hoomum and I met many other beautiful Galgos and Podencos, each with their own story. We also had countless conversations with curious passers-by. Many people stopped to ask about the breeds and why so many of us were walking together through the heart of London, giving us the chance to share the plight of these dogs.

Attending these marches has been an inspiring experience, a reminder of the power of community and compassion. Hendrik and I are already looking forward to joining again in 2026 and I encourage anyone considering it, whether you have a Galgo, a Podenco, or simply a love for animals, to come along. Together, we can keep shining a light on this important issue and help create a kinder world for these wonderful dogs.



By Julie Marchant

Happy Homings UK and Abroad



Cartunjana happily homed in Croatia



Leo looking cute at home in Berkshire



Cosme looking stunning in Croatia



Tai relaxing in Leicestershire



Reina living the dream in West Sussex



Julieta on guard at home in London



Siesta time for Kesa in Berkshire



Please see page 19 for our Christmas Treats Appeal



Education update

The fantastic new school bus Galgoteca has been a great success for Tina and her team at Galgos Del Sol. Sam has been busy bringing their education programme about galgos and welfare to even more children throughout the Summer.



The children enjoy doing the hands on activities and reading the story books about the galgos.



Sam pictured here on the left even travelled to the north of Spain with GALGOTECA to teach many classes about being kind, especially to dogs and hunting dogs.



Photos: Galgos Del Sol

Galgos del Sol have many visits already booked for the new school year both at the centre and with Galgoteca and we are pleased to support their programme as much as we can.

Photos: SOS Galgos



Anna at SOS Galgos has been incredibly busy with her education programme and held lots of workshops at the centre before the schools closed for the Summer. The children enjoy attending the classes on animal welfare and being hands on with the rescued galgos.

They already have some more school visits booked for the coming months and we are happy to support them with their educational activities.



Education

We recently produced 5 giant floor jigsaw puzzles for GDS and SOS Galgos. There are 5 different designs focusing on galgos and their needs in a home. The puzzles range from 8–24 pieces, so each puzzle gets slightly harder. We are sure they will be a great hit with the school children and maybe the staff at the centres too.



At GIN, one of our key focuses is supporting shelters in delivering meaningful educational experiences for schools and youth organisations. We aim to develop children's understanding, encourage empathy, and raise awareness about galgos and animal welfare through engaging resources, hands-on activities, and thoughtful take-home gifts.



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>



Merchandise

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





Christmas Treats for the Galgos !

Our Christmas Treats appeal for the Galgos has been very popular over the 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 Maria in Egham.

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Please tick this box if you would like a receipt

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Membership can also be paid by standing order,
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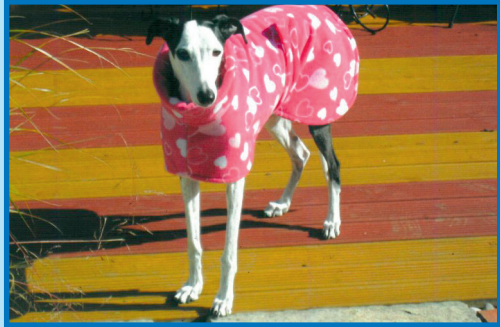
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Newsletter by post

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We were very sad to hear from John and Elsa Waywell that they had lost Galga Filly. Elsa wrote the following lovely tribute.

 **Filly**  I am sad to report that after 2 years increasingly ill health and encroaching arthritis, we lost our beloved galga Filly at the age of 13 just the week before Easter. This has left a big hole in our lives and especially that of her fellow galga Sally as they were together for 10 years.



Yes, she could be a bit annoying and stubborn at times, but at others such as her sheer joy at encountering a sandy beach or rubbing noses with the bullocks through the fence of the field opposite, more than made up for it. She will be greatly missed!
Yours John and Elsa



It's with a heavy heart that I inform you of dear little Sophie's crossing Rainbow Bridge. Sophie arrived in 2017 and was quite a girl, but had so many endearing ways. Not a lover of people at first, but with the pack I had, Billy, Arthur, Ella, Cleo, Tobi, little Sophie soon settled in and became a much loved member of her human family and the pack. 



Sophie gained a lot of confidence from Cleo, they would both sleep on my bed with me. When Cleo crossed Rainbow Bridge, it wasn't until Flora arrived in early Jan 2023 and Flora taking up residence in my bed, so Sophie followed up once again. Such a sweet, little girl here within her family, she was happy, but never could get to know any stranger, was always wary of any new

"persons", but we love her so much, for the endearing little girl she will always be and will live forever more in our hearts and memories. Run fast, run free little Sof, Sof, all missing and loving you. Mummy, Flora, Teddy. R.I.P. Baby xxxxxxxxxx



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Orion

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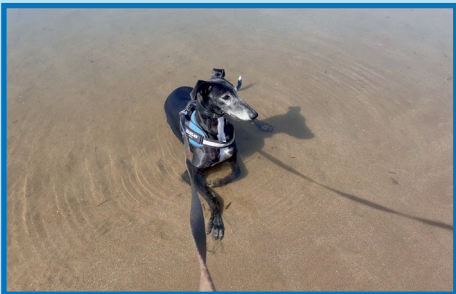
It is with a very sad heart that I have to write my beloved Orion passed away on 16 June 2025 internal bleeding and stomach cancer.

Orion came into my life in August 2018. I had moved to France in November 2017 with my husband. I had promised myself that I would share my home with another galgo. The first dog that came to us was Red, our Podenca. We brought her home 1.12.17.

I saw Orion on the GIN FB page and he was so handsome and he was the last galgo to be left in his group. Nobody was interested in him. I called the office and said I would like to have him. GIN accepted my offer so he became my boy.

After his journey from Spain to UK he now had to travel back to France. He was a well travelled dog. We drove up to Normandy to collect him. We stopped overnight and next day down to South West France where we lived. There on neutral ground he met Red and they got on well with each other.

He had a lovely temperament such a sweet nature. He put up with Red being the boss! He loved coming into the bedroom if I was napping or ill and get on the bed to be near me.



Every year, usually at Xmas we would drive to Empuriabrava, resort in Spain. He loved going on walks around the town, looking at yachts in the port and going to the beach and going into the water. He even met some other rescued galgos.

I was in the UK when he became ill. It was so sudden and unexpected. On the Sunday before my return he wouldn't eat or go out. Early Monday morning he fell off the sofa and was immediately taken to the vets. They were very

good but nothing could be done. They kept him comfortable until I had landed in the afternoon. I went straight to him. When I saw him he looked so tired and couldn't even wag his tail. I made the heartbreaking decision to let him go. He is now with Juno and Justine everyone healthy just waiting for Mummy to arrive.

I had already made the decision to return permanently to the UK next year. Red and I will drive back but the boy will be with us as I promised I would take them home. Orion's ashes will travel with us. He will never leave me now.

Once I am settled I will get another galgo. As that was Orion's last wish - to love another galgo.

Laura x

Mars



We were sad to hear that Mari adopted on the 11th May 2017 has crossed the rainbow bridge at the grand age of 15 years on the 26th June. Tina wrote the following lovely tribute.

Mars wasn't the dog we expected to adopt that day at GIN, we had intended to adopt another but, Mars seemed very confident it would be her. Insisting on

a few walks after our initial choice refused through sheer panic to even greet us. Mars however fooled us into thinking she loved a walk, we soon found out it was a constant battle of wills to get her to agree to go for a walk. It took 4 hours just to persuade her to enter the house when we arrived home and that was the general theme of her entire time with us, she absolutely dictated the household rules and regulations for the next 8 years.

Despite her quirky ways, her hate of everything on 4 legs and general grumpiness, she was loved to the point of obsession.

We have a Mars sized hole in our hearts, she prevailed through so much through sheer determination, she suffered heart disease, kidney disease and vestibular syndrome but bounced back each time until it became just too much.

We would like to thank everyone at GIN for bringing Mars into our life, we are so grateful for that fateful day outside Van Hage Garden Centre where we met some retired Greyhounds and knew we just had to have one. A 7 year old Galgo was there waiting for us at GIN we just didn't know it at the time so again, thank you. Colin & Tina



Gryphon 2016 to 2025

A beautiful elegant Galgo who reminded me of Noel Coward.

All he needed was a cigarette, in a holder of course, and a glass of red wine. When he arrived he was so nervous he sat in the corner of the settee and shivered. Eventually he understood that he was loved beyond

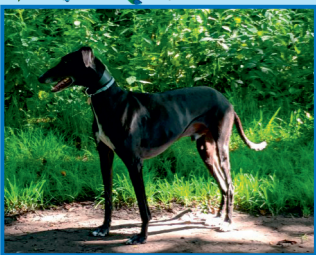
price and began to relax and we saw his mischievous side. He loved chasing squirrels. We often found him by a tree barking. I did explain to him that calling them was no inducement to give themselves up. If we failed to give him the attention he deserved he would use his head to rattle a bag of bottles hanging on a hook in the kitchen to make us notice. It never failed. After we had had him a year he was diagnosed with Meningomyelitis and lumbar disc fusion. He recovered but his

back continued to give him pain and finally was the cause of him going to his final rest.

We are so thankful that we had him for those years and he made our life brighter. We are forever grateful that in the last year GIN supported his pain relief regime and were always available if we needed a vet's point of view.

Gryphon a prince among men missed by us all.

Nick, Christine and Arwen



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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.



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

Snowy's Super Saturday

On the 4th October, a very, VERY windy Saturday, we ventured to the Surrey Sighthounds Halloween Dog Show.

Surrounded by hounds of all types we discovered we were in the wrong place, there were two dog shows running, we were pointed to a field, heading that way we could feel Snowy's excitement as she saw other long nose, long legged dogs. We love taking her to meet up with other sighthounds, other owners "get it", they understand the way the dogs play and communicate and it's such a safe feeling, to be understood.

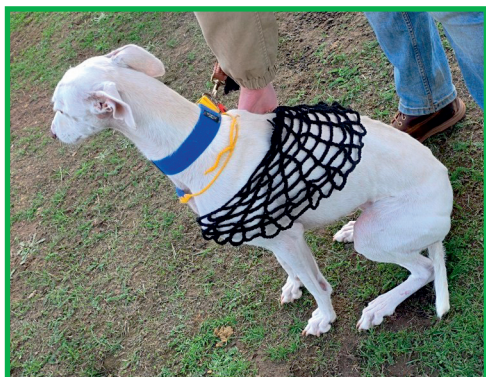
We looked at the categories and decided to enter her in all the ones that were applicable.



Her 1st category was "Sighthounds in the prime of their life" We walked her around, having the wind zoomies that they get, very excited with other dogs. The judges were very thorough with their checking the dogs over. We were very proud when Snowy was awarded a huge rosette for 2nd place.

Her next jolly was in to the ring for the Spooky and Scary Class. There were so many dogs all dressed up as witches, Ghostbusters, mummies, Chucky, you name it... James had crocheted a shawl for Snowy in the shape of a Spiders web which covered her back, he had made a chain of multicoloured bats to make the

lead look spooky, It was really lovely. We listened as the 5 rosettes were awarded, completely understanding why they had been chosen, BUT the judges weren't finished, we heard Snowy's name, she had only won a Special Award because her outfit was home crafted. I was again so proud of her and James in that category.



Next up was the Laughing Ladies and Jolly Gents. I chose her outfit for this one. James had crocheted the most beautiful coat in multi colours and he had a chain of hearts to make the lead look lovely. We proudly walked our double award winning dog into the ring chatting about how proud we were of her, and how proud I was of James for how amazing Snowy is. We chatted and talked about how many cute dogs there were around us. There must have been 30! We were chatting, and almost missed the "In first place is Snowy"



We looked at each other, confused, amazed. Everyone was looking and clapping, Snowy had come FIRST. We couldn't believe it (I have to admit I had a tear in my eye, I think I blamed the wind at the time) We were so happy!! This first, meant that she was now entered in a

5th Category, Best in Show. We knew the other winners, and knew we were going along for the experience rather than an expectation of an award in that.

There was a "Dogs the judges want to take home with them" - James and I both agreed, WE wanted to keep her, so we were happy to not win that one!

Best in Show came around very quickly, there were 9 other dogs, all were beautiful, and very worthy winners. As I said we had no expectations in this. When the judges awarded Snowy the Reserve Best in Show rosette, we couldn't quite believe this. The judges said that she had had many outfit changes all handmade by James, they loved that and they referred to her sad past in Spain and that she didn't deserve that start in life.

We came away from there beaming, looking for the next show. Snowy flaked out in the van on the way home, she was such a good girl. To us, she's just perfect. I am proud of the work that James has done with her to turn her in to a confident happy dog, a bit different to the dog we were honoured to home just over 3 years ago.

If you see dog shows and wonder about them, do it. It's great fun, and Snowy really loved it, this was the second one we have been to, I don't think it'll be the last! I'm sure we will come across some of you at a show somewhere, if you see Snowy, come and say HI!

By Amy Francis

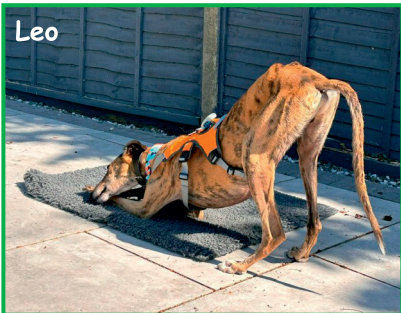


Photo: Helen at Chobham photography



OUR APRIL GALGOS

Leo

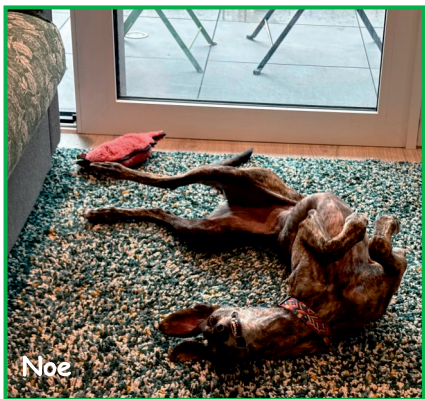


Leo (Martin) happily homed with Sue and family in Berkshire and new recent family member Dora (Africa from GDS)

Dora and Leo



Noe



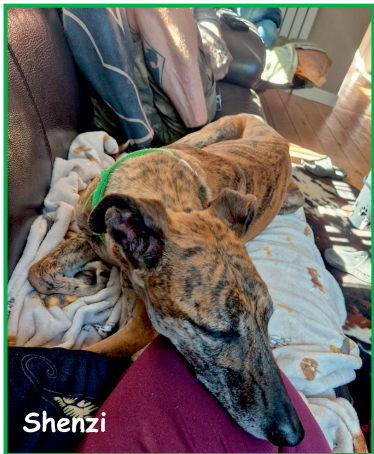
Noe loving life in London

Canela



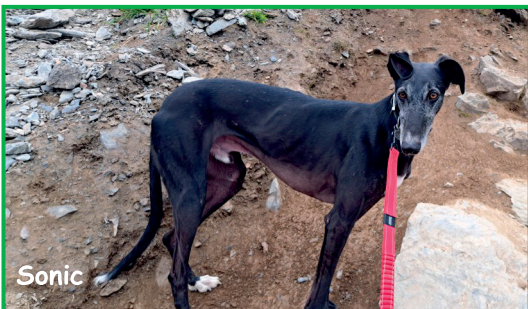
Canela soon settled into her new life in Hampshire having cuddles on the sofa with Amy and family.

Shenzi



Shenzi (Anastasia) has settled in very well in her new home in Bristol

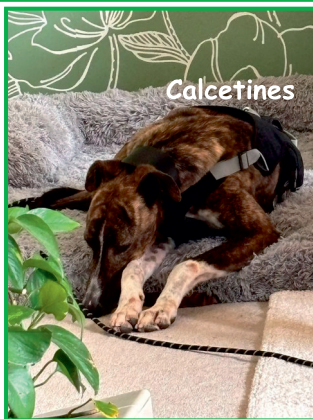
Sonic



Handsome boy Sonic went to live in Surrey with his new owner Jack and enjoys lovely walks in the beautiful countryside.

Many thanks to our volunteers Sue and Lynda who help us out with the adoption process and find all the lovely galgos their forever homes.

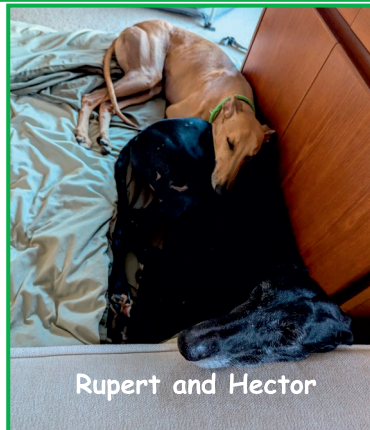




Calcetines

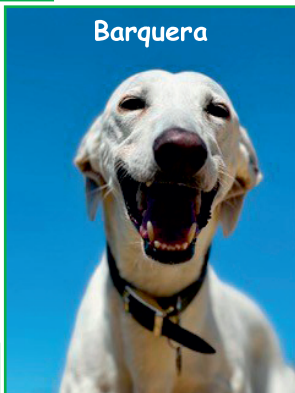
The last 2 galgos from our April group Rupert and Hector recently found their forever home together with Katie and family in Cambridgeshire. Looks like they have settled in very well already.

Calcetines enjoying his best life in Oxfordshire



Rupert and Hector

Barquera laughed all the way to her new home in Wiltshire and has settled in very well—that's the life.



Barquera

We recently received some great news and after being in kennels for over a year, our lovely Viento finally found his forever home with his old kennel mate Twig from Galgos Del Sol. He also shares his new home with Lab cross Bear and cat Misty and they all live happily together in East Sussex.



Barquera

Photo: Bath Country Pets



Viento, Twig and Bear

If you are interested in offering a home to a galgo please contact us on **01784 483206** to ask for a homing pack, complete and send the questionnaire in the pack to us at Greyhounds in Need, 5A, 80 High Street, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9HE, or email it to info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk The questionnaire is also available on our website to complete.



Viento and Misty

Please join our Home at Last group on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/203451828157474/>

Blood Pressure Measurements in Dogs: Why They Matter

Just like humans, dogs can experience high or low blood pressure, which can affect their overall health. Blood pressure measurement is an essential diagnostic tool that helps veterinarians detect underlying health issues and prevent complications. Regular monitoring can be especially important for senior dogs and those with chronic conditions.

What is Blood Pressure in Dogs?

Blood pressure is the force of blood pushing against the walls of arteries as the heart pumps. It is measured in millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and consists of two values:

- Systolic pressure: The pressure when the heart contracts and pumps blood.
- Diastolic pressure: The pressure when the heart relaxes between beats.

For dogs, normal systolic blood pressure typically ranges from 110 to 160 mmHg, while diastolic pressure is less commonly measured.

Why is Measuring Blood Pressure Important?

Abnormal blood pressure can indicate serious health conditions. Measuring it helps:

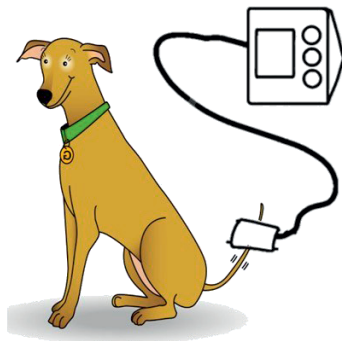
- Detect high blood pressure (hypertension) or low blood pressure (hypotension).
- Monitor dogs with conditions like kidney disease, heart disease, or hormonal disorders.
- Evaluate the effects of medication.
- Prevent complications like organ damage, vision loss, and strokes.

Causes of High and Low Blood Pressure in Dogs

High Blood Pressure (Hypertension)

Common causes include:

- Kidney disease (most common cause)
- Cushing's disease (hyperadrenocorticism)
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Hyperthyroidism (rare in dogs)
- Pain, stress, or anxiety
- Shock from trauma or infection
- Anaesthesia complications



Low Blood Pressure (Hypotension)

Potential causes include:

- Severe blood loss or dehydration
- Heart failure
- Shock from trauma or infection
- Anaesthesia complications

How is Blood Pressure Measured in Dogs?

Veterinarians use non-invasive methods similar to those for humans but adapted for dogs. The most common techniques include:

1. Doppler Ultrasound Method

- A small cuff is placed around a limb or tail.
- A handheld Doppler probe detects blood flow sounds.
- The cuff is inflated and slowly deflated to determine systolic pressure.

2. Oscillometric Method

- An automated device inflates and deflates the cuff, detecting pressure changes.
- More useful for medium to large dogs but less reliable in small dogs.

When Should a Dog's Blood Pressure Be Checked?

- Senior dogs (7+ years): Regular checks as part of a wellness exam.
- Dogs with kidney, heart, or endocrine diseases: Frequent monitoring.
- Dogs showing symptoms like blindness, seizures, or lethargy.
- Before surgery: Ensures safe anesthesia administration.

Managing Abnormal Blood Pressure

- For high blood pressure: Treatment may include medications (e.g., amlodipine), dietary changes, and managing underlying conditions.
- For low blood pressure: IV fluids, medications, or treating the root cause may be necessary.

Conclusion

Blood pressure measurement is a simple yet valuable tool for monitoring your dog's health. Regular checks can help detect problems early and prevent serious complications. If your dog has a condition that affects blood pressure, talk to your veterinarian about routine monitoring to ensure a long, healthy life.

Leigh Soby BVSc MRCVS



Sponsorship

Our sponsorship scheme was started some years ago when we brought galgos into quarantine, for later homing in the UK.

We have continued the scheme for the galgos we are still able to bring into the UK and this continues to help with the costs involved in carrying out the necessary veterinary care

needed to comply with our import regulations. The scheme also helps with the costs incurred in Spain, whilst the dogs are undergoing checks/treatment, and in the UK until they are homed.



As the dogs are homed quite quickly it has become harder to allocate particular dogs to our sponsors and for this reason we changed the sponsorship scheme to cover all the sponsor dogs and we write to sponsors with news on them when they arrive and as they are homed. We are very grateful to our sponsors for the support they have given us over the years.

If you would like to **sponsor our galgos** while they are being prepared for homing please complete the sponsor form on page 35 and return it to us.

If you feel you **could offer a home** to a galgo please give us a call on 01784 483206 or email us - info@greyhoundsinneed.co.uk

Our adoption fee is £175.

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



www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk



Sponsorship

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

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