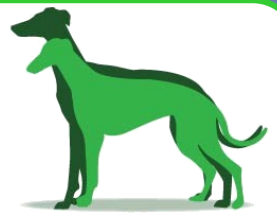


Autumn/Winter 2026 Newsletter



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News Update

Dear Friends,

The pace has certainly not slackened these past 6 months at GIN HQ despite the intense heatwaves we have all experienced this Summer. Even as I write this on the last days of September the warmth of the sun continues to heat up the office and I hasten to add my flip flops are still firmly in place. We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and catching up on our work since April.

We were sad to hear about the passing of our dear Trustee Pat Whipps in July. We remember her and reflect on her time with GIN on page 10 of this newsletter.



We were pleased to be able to fund a special project for Galgos Rescue Almeria and you can read all about this in our work abroad section.



Maria has produced the enclosed merchandise catalogue where you will find some lovely gifts for both humans and hounds. Don't forget to order your GIN calendar for 2027 and our popular Christmas cards which are designed exclusively for GIN by Alison Lingley.



Our Christmas Treats appeal is always popular and you can treat the galgos again this year by completing the form on page 29.



Woof!



Our new group of galgos for rehoming in the UK will be arriving mid October and we are getting very excited to meet them. Many thanks to Tina and her team at Galgos del Sol for all their hard work preparing the galgos for their entry into the UK. Further updates will be added to our website as we get them.



If you are interested in offering a home to a one of our new group, 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.

If you are already an adopter please join our home at last group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203451828157474/>

We aim to keep our website and Facebook up to date with news, so please keep checking in to see more updates on our work.

As I look back on what we accomplish day in and day out, I am reminded that this charity is driven by our hearts rather than size. I would like to say a big thank you to Maria and Geraldine who continually help me to keep the wheels turning when some days feel like a juggling act.

I would like to extend special thanks to all our volunteers, supporters and donors who together help to give these beautiful dogs the safe loving futures they so deserve like Kesa in this photograph all snuggled up with her favourite toy.

It just leaves me to say I wish you, your loved ones and hounds a warm, peaceful and joyful Autumn and Winter. Have a lovely Christmas



Tracey x



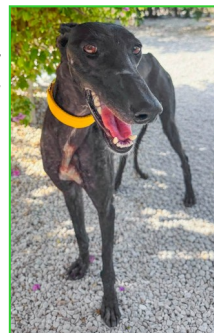
Trustees' pages

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At the beginning of July, our beloved galgo, Mateo, aged 15, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, leaving us heartbroken and the house feeling extremely quiet and empty. Mateo "adopted" us in December 2014, aged two, and in 2015 we all moved from Middlesex to Lincolnshire, which he coped with very well, quickly settling into his new home with us. As time went by without Mateo, we felt we would like to give another homeless or rescued galgo or galga the Forever Home that Mateo had enjoyed. He had shown us just how wonderful and rewarding adopting a galgo can be.

I'd been looking at the websites of the Spanish shelters which GIN supports, thanks to the generosity of our followers and supporters, and at all the galgos and galgas waiting to be adopted. I wanted to adopt them all!!

Then I saw a thin, black galga, aged two and a half, who, in the video of her rescue, kept putting her paw up for attention, as if to say, "Thank you for rescuing me." Her photos also told me that she was a sweet and gentle looking girl. Every time I checked the shelters' websites, especially Galgos del Sol, Nibbles kept catching my eye. As a family, we agreed to contact Galgos del Sol to enquire about Nibbles and the possibility of adopting her. We had never met Nibbles and had only seen her rescue video and photos, but Galgos del Sol told us her story and about her character whilst she was in the shelter. Nibbles had been living on the streets and scavenging for food. She was not microchipped and no one came forward to claim her.



The day of her arrival, 11th September, we were so excited and could not wait to see her. When she came off the transport, her tail was between her legs. She was nervous and kept looking around as if wondering what was going to happen to her. Would it be something good and kind, or something frightening? Her back had some scars and her hip bones and ribs were visible too. Galgos del Sol had cared for her well during the few weeks she was with them, but Nibbles needed a loving home with regular meals, comfy sofas and beds, and lots of time, patience and space to decompress and settle in.

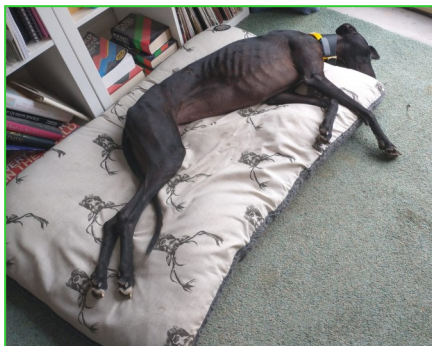
For Nibbles' safety and our peace of mind, we had bought a tracker, which is on her collar, a three point harness and two leads, one attached to her harness and the other to her collar. She wears her tracker all the time and we never go for walks without the harness and two leads. She is not bothered by the tracker or harness at all. Tina's adoption pack insists on a three-point harness, two leads and tracker. When we arrived home, Nibbles came in cautiously, looking everywhere and smelling everything. She was very curious. I took her into the garden on her lead, where she looked around before going back indoors again. I wanted her to start learning as soon as possible where she should go to the toilet. She wandered around inspecting everything, with me walking with her. Living in a bungalow, she did not have stairs to contend with. I put food down for her and she ate it very quickly, then drank some water. She was very hungry.

Eventually, we sat down quietly and, although Nibbles was still curious about everything, she started wanting to be stroked. The first night she lay on the floor, despite having beds and blankets, and I stayed with her for most of the night to reassure her.

During her first week, I took Nibbles into the garden at regular intervals for toilet training. We expected her to have “accidents” indoors and were prepared for that to happen, but she is learning to go into the garden and the accidents are now becoming fewer. To help her decompress and settle, we sit with her, talk to her quietly and reassure her. Nibbles is learning house rules and manners, plus various words and cues including “No”, “Leave it”, “Sit”, “Down” and “Gently”, but most importantly, “What a beautiful and good girl you are!”

Having had to scavenge on the streets for food to survive, Nibbles was initially always looking for food, including putting her front paws up on the kitchen worktops to see if there was anything she might like. She has quickly learnt, through patience and quiet guidance, that that is not acceptable!! She still thinks the dirty dishes in the dishwasher might have something tasty on them, but I’m usually quick enough to close the door and stop her!!!! Now she knows that her meals are regular, she is no longer always looking for food, although she still leaves her bowls as clean as a whistle! Treats are always acceptable, especially when accompanied by lots of praise.

Nibbles’ character is starting to come out and she does make us laugh with her antics. She loves taking her toys from her toy basket and playing with them indoors, and running around with them in the garden. She has also taken a liking to our slippers and trainers, and we invariably find one in the garden or a solitary one somewhere around the house!!



The first time I switched the television on, Nibbles was lying on her bed and, when she suddenly heard music coming from it, her head shot up with her eyes on stalks. I told her it was only the television and it wasn’t going to hurt her, so she just curled up again!

Her first encounter with a broom was more upsetting. When she saw it in my hand, she backed away from me and cowered. Of course, we don’t know what happened to her before she was rescued, but her reaction made me wonder whether brooms had frightened her in the past. She’s learning now that brooms won’t hurt her. It was the same with the Hoover, although this time she was barking madly whilst backing away from it. I switched it off and slowly put a treat on the Hoover head. She gradually went up to it, sniffed around, took the treat and went away again. The Hoover now gives her a treat every time it comes out, so she’s learning it won’t hurt her either!! It was the same reaction with the hairdryer, but that doesn’t give her a treat!! It’s simply switched off and she leaves the room.

If she hears dogs barking on the television, I have to quickly turn the volume down because she thinks there are dogs in the house and runs off to find them. The very first time she heard a dog barking on the television, she was lying quietly on the sofa when she suddenly jumped off, flew to the television screen and then went behind the television to find out where the dog was!! It made us laugh out loud. We told her there wasn’t another dog in the house and she soon settled down on the sofa again. One afternoon, I was enjoying a quiet cuppa on the sofa when Nibbles came in, jumped up beside me, snuggled in and gently laid her head across my lap. She stayed like that for a couple of hours.

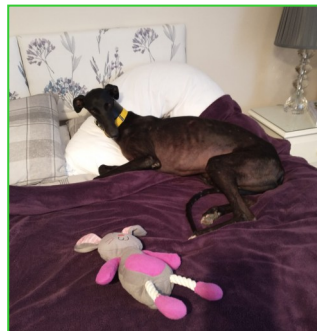
That lovely feeling of bonding, and knowing she was finally starting to feel at home, safe and loved, was wonderful. She follows me everywhere and has become my little shadow!

She cries when I go out, even for a short time, although she is always with another family member. We will have to start gradually leaving her for a few minutes at a time by herself so that she eventually understands that we go out, but we always come back. She also doesn't like loud, sudden noises. Tina told me that she has a naughty little habit of jumping up and she certainly does, usually because she wants cuddles from me. She's getting better, but I still have to ask her to get down or turn my back on her.

That is taking time and it is important because it isn't a good thing for her to do when I'm carrying a hot drink, for example, and not everyone likes a jumping dog. She just gets very excited when she sees me and wants cuddles! She's certainly much happier and more settled than when she first arrived, and she's training us well!!

She always sleeps on our bed at night and it's a good thing the bed is big enough for the three of us!! Apart from changing position, she doesn't move.

What has surprised me most is just how affectionate, sweet, gentle and funny she is, despite her difficult start in life. I've had to change my routine to a certain extent. The patio door gets opened first thing so she can go out if she wants to. She gets fed first! We've also put a bolt and padlock on the garden gate, although the fences are already six feet high.



It's vitally important for a successful adoption to let Nibbles, or any rescue dog, progress at their own pace. It takes time to decompress and settle. Kindness, gentleness, patience, repetition, frustration, eyes in the back of your head, feeling tired, stamina(!), exercise, training and understanding that the dog may never have lived in a home before, and that everything is new and can sometimes be frightening, are all part of the adoption process. There will be accidents. There will be things they don't understand. And all this still has to be dealt with when you're tired or frustrated yourself.

Shouting and punishment are neither necessary nor helpful. Understanding the dog, being patient and clearly showing them what you would like them to do is so important. Otherwise, how can they know what is expected of them? The adopter and the dog have a lot to learn about each other.

As a Trustee, I have seen, and continue to see, the dedicated, wonderful and extremely hard work everyone at the shelters in Spain does to rescue these dogs from their terrible plight and prepare them for a Forever Home and a better future. As an adopter, I can continue their wonderful work by taking a beautiful, anxious, affectionate, gentle soul into my heart and home and letting her gradually realise that she is finally Home Forever, while feeling the love, affection, companionship and warmth she gives me in return.



Adopting Nibbles into our family and showing her that life can be good and kind, watching her settle, learn to trust and love, and seeing her character blossom, is worth every minute of frustration and sometimes lack of sleep.

When Nibbles curls up beside us on the sofa and gradually falls asleep, feeling safe and loved, it is beyond priceless.

Writing this as both a Trustee and an adopter has also made me reflect on the many people who have given so much of their time, care and love to Greyhounds in Need over the years. Sadly, this year we have had to say goodbye to two very special members of the GIN family.

Pat Whipps, who passed away in July, had been involved with GIN for more than 20 years, first joining as our Homing Officer in January 2004 and later serving as a Trustee from 2018 to 2026. Pat played an important part in homing our galgos and was involved in many different aspects of the charity's work over the years. Her commitment to GIN, and her love for greyhounds and galgos, meant so much to us and she will be very sadly missed.

Earlier this year, we also sadly lost former Trustee Terry Dickens, who served from 2008 to 2019 and was closely involved with our Brighton charity shop. His support, dedication and shared love of greyhounds and galgos made a lasting contribution to GIN.

Both Pat and Terry gave so much of their time and care to helping the dogs we all love, and their loss is deeply felt across the charity. We remember them both with great affection and gratitude. For me, bringing Nibbles home has been another reminder of why this work matters so much. If you've ever considered giving a galgo a home, I can highly recommend it.

Best wishes, Chris x

Could you give a galgo like Nibbles a Forever Home?

If Chris's story has made you think about adopting, you can find out more about our galgos and read our rehoming information and adoption pack at greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/dogs_our_galgos/adoption

Of course, adopting isn't the only way to make a difference. If you'd like to help us help more galgos find the safety, care and Forever Homes they deserve, there are lots of ways you can support Greyhounds in Need, from fundraising and donating to spreading the word and sharing our work.

Find out how you can help at greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/help-us



REMEMBERING PAT WHIPPS



We were deeply saddened by the passing of Pat Whipps one of GIN's Trustees in July and we want to remember her with the warmth and affection she brought to GIN throughout so many years of dedicated involvement.

Pat's health had deteriorated over recent years but she was always pleased to hear news from GIN and enjoyed our visits, especially when Jake, the galgo, joined us.



Pat first contacted GIN in the late nineties when she wanted to adopt a greyhound and went on to adopt Unica, who was quite a shy girl, but soon settled in well with Pat and her brother David. Pat then offered us some help at local fundraising events and in 2004 took over the homing of the galgos that GIN brought into quarantine.

It was a role that required patience, compassion and a huge amount of time and Pat gave all of that willingly.

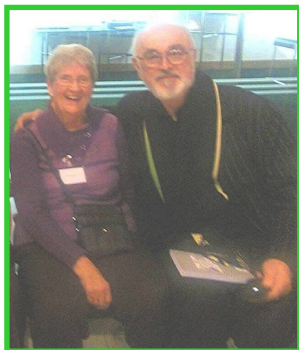
She guided adopters through each step, answering questions, offering reassurance and making sure each dog found a home where they would be safe and loved.



During this time she ended up adopting her first galgo, Reuben in 2006, who became a cherished part of her life.



Pat kindly handled the rehoming of 128 galgos over the eight years that she did this very important job and thanks to her, many galgos found loving homes here in the UK and the feedback we have received over the years from many of these homes has been wonderful.



She continued to help in the office once a week and became a valued Trustee for GIN in 2018.

We will miss Pat and will always be truly grateful for all the help and support she gave to Greyhounds in Need.

She will be remembered with love, appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

Our homing officer Sue Sarney reflects on meeting Pat for the first time

The first time I met Pat was many years ago when we had newly discovered GIN and applied to adopt a Galgo. She came to our house to do the "home visit" and I remember being really worried that we wouldn't come up to scratch and she'd tell us we weren't suitable! But I needn't have worried, Pat was so down to earth and friendly she soon put us at ease.

She clearly loved dogs and was passionate about the galgos and working with GIN and sure enough she matched us with the perfect first dog, a big black boy we called Duke.

I'll be forever grateful to her for allowing us to adopt him and some of her passion must have rubbed off on me as it also started me on my own journey of volunteering and supporting GIN.

At fundraising events her favourite job was to look after any galgo that came to do their bit and I will always remember her sitting quite happily attached to one or more of our galgos, quite often my own Flossie with a huge smile on her face! Thanks Pat, that memory will always make me smile. Sue x



Fundraising

GIN SUMMER RAFFLE

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 £3050. Cecilia who recently adopted Melon kindly drew the winning tickets for us.

The winners this year were:

- 1st Prize - £500 to Mrs P Stimpson, West Sussex
- 2nd Prize - £250 to Mr S Arthur, South Yorkshire
- 3rd Prize - £100 to Miss C O'Neill, London

There were also runner up prizes to entries from Shropshire, West Sussex, Wiltshire, Dumfriesshire, Suffolk, Dorset and Leicestershire.

GIN once again had two stalls at the Englefield Green village fair which was held on the 20th of June this year. Tracey and Maria along with volunteers Sue and Julie were kept busy throughout the day. The weather looked doubtful to begin with but brightened up and got very warm as the day went on. The event was very well attended and we raised around £450 as well as spreading awareness about the work we do.



Angel went off to a lovely home with her new owner who guessed her name correctly on our name the dog activity.



Sue, Julie, Maria and Tracey



Sue was kept busy on the mug tombola which is always popular as a win is guaranteed every time.



G I N



One for your diaries **GIN** will be having a charity stall at the Egham Christmas fair, Egham High Street, Surrey on Saturday the 12th of December this year 10am - 4pm. We shall be selling our Christmas cards, Calendars, Diaries and gift ideas. If you are local to Egham do pop along and say hello.



We would like to say a **BIG** thank to all our supporters who continue to raise funds for **GIN** and send in or deliver parcels of coats, blankets and snoods for the shelters. Money raised from dog walks, street collections, knitting

and selling snoods goes towards our work for the greyhounds and galgos.

We also continue to raise funds selling large bags of used stamps on eBay which trustee Geraldine trims and gets ready for us. Thank you to everyone who sends those in to us.

Whether it be in a small or big way your support is always very much appreciated.

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 fundraising 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.



Our Work Abroad



We are pleased to continue our support to Sandy at Galgos Rescue Almeria and this year we offered funding for a project that was long overdue at her shelter.

She wanted to create a new intake area where the newly arrived dogs could rest and receive the care they need when they first arrive at the shelter. The original area wasn't sufficient for this and very run down. It offered too little protection from the hot Summers and the colder Winter months.

Work was delayed earlier this year due to having to wait for local authorities and then the awful flooding that hit Spain delayed the work even more as it made the road leading up to the shelter inaccessible at times.

Work eventually started at the end of May and progressed well. Here are some photos of the building starting to take shape.



Photos: Galgos Rescue Almeria

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.

Sandy said it had been quite a journey getting everything finished but it was lovely to see it all coming together.
At the end of August a tree was delivered and placed to give much needed shade in the future. The sunshades for the building will be installed in November to accommodate the high Summer temperatures in Almeria.
Now Galgos Rescue Almeria have a lovely area for the dogs arriving in their care.



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for the shelters from our
online shop.

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from your shopping cart
you'd like to donate during
the check out process.

Thank you 



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

Our Work Abroad

Unidos Compañero Fiel, Cordoba

We continue to support Carmen and her team in Cordoba with help towards their monthly food bills for the galgos and initial veterinary costs. Here are pictures of the 25 galgos we recently helped, all named after cities from around the world.



Photos: Unidos Compañero Fiel

We are pleased to support the brilliant work being done in Spain to change the future of rescue dogs please donate <https://www.justgiving.com/gin>

Tango's Story from Carmen, Unidos Compañero Fiel

Tango: Now I Know There Is Something Good Waiting for Me

I don't really remember how it all started. I just remember being scared for a long time. When I arrived at Unidos Compañero Fiel, I didn't understand anything. I didn't know where I was or what was going to happen to me. I preferred to stay back and watch the others.

I saw people coming over, stroking the other greyhounds and taking care of them. I wanted to go closer too, but I wasn't ready yet.

So they left me alone. They gave me food, somewhere to rest and, most importantly, time.

Little by little, I started to lose my fear. One day I moved a little closer. Another day I let someone stroke me.

And I discovered that I didn't have to be afraid.

Here I learned that a hand could be gentle, that a voice could make me feel safe and that there were people who genuinely cared about me.

And now they have told me something I still find hard to believe:

I have a family waiting for me.

They have told me that I will soon travel to be with them. I don't know what my new home will be like yet, but I know they are waiting for me, and that gives me something I didn't know before: **hope**.

Maybe I will need a little time at first. But now I know I can trust, and that I have a future. When I leave, I will take all the love I have received here with me.

And I think I will take a little bit of my fear too, because some things don't disappear overnight. But it won't be the same fear anymore.

Now I know that after fear, something beautiful can come.



A family.

A home.

A new life.

And soon, finally, I will be able to say:

"I'm home."

From Unidos Compañero Fiel, we would especially like to thank **Greyhounds in Need, your whole team and everyone who contributes financially.**

Every contribution becomes food, water, veterinary care, sterilisations and daily care. But above all, it becomes an opportunity.

Thank you for trusting us, for standing by our side and for helping us change lives.

Thank you for being part of stories like Tango's.

Photo: Unidos Compañero Fiel

Education

Sam and the children using GIN's resources on the Galgo del Sol school bus Galgoteca.



Photos: Galgos Del Sol



Photos: SOS Galgos



Anna from SOS Galgos has many schoolchildren visit the centre who are very interested to learn all about the galgos as pets

Our education programme provides learning materials and activities all about galgos.

Supporting cross-curricular learning in schools, and available in both Spanish

<https://galgosnecesitados.es/educacion/> and English <https://greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/education>

(so UK teachers can use them too), children can 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 much 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 home too - wristbands and water bottles are always popular!



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/





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Membership can also be paid by standing
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Ruan's Grand Escape To The West Country

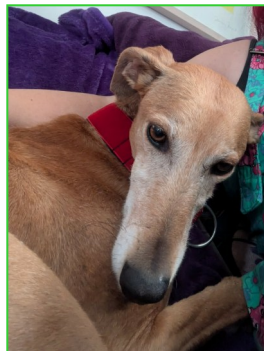
We adopted our first Galgo from GIN on 14th February 2019 and I named him Nico. He came to live with us and our feisty lurcher called Luna, who showed him she was top dog but also taught him how to just be a dog without worrying about anything.

We sadly lost Luna in May 2023 at the age of 16 but Nico adapted well and became our velcro shadow dog. Unfortunately, on 1st February 2026, we lost Nico to a large tumour on his bladder and our hearts were broken again. For the first time since 2008, we were without a dog and the house felt empty.



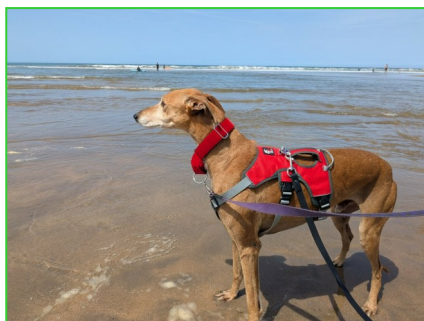
We knew that we wanted to give another Galgo a home and when I saw that GIN were bringing 10 dogs over from Spain in April 2026, I filled out an application form and hoped that maybe one of those dogs might be a good match.

In May 2026, we made the journey up to the kennels from our home in Devon to meet with a couple of the dogs still needing a home and met Russet. He was very sweet, with a calm air about him, a handsome face and a gentle nature. Needless to say, we made the journey back up to collect him on 4th June and he started his new life here in Devon and renamed Ruan.



In the past few months of having him, he has brought a smile to our face every day and is such a happy boy. He loves other dogs, is good with people, likes to cuddle next to you, follows you to the loo and is showing his cheeky, playful side.

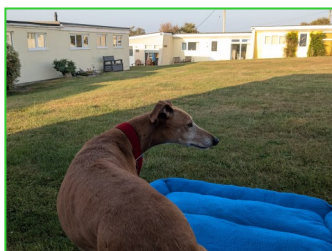
Everyone who meets him comments on how calm he is and he enjoys his walks on both Dartmoor and the Cornish coastline. Christine and Rob



We own a holiday chalet at Widemouth Bay in North Cornwall and as a thank you to GIN for all the work they do for Galgos, we would like to donate 10% of the total cost of any holiday booked with us.



So if you and your dog are interested in staying then drop me (Christine) an email at artyredsmith9@gmail.com and check out the Instagram page [#seahoundchalet64](https://www.instagram.com/seahoundchalet64).



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Postcode Date

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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 organise an event, have a table at a car boot sale, organise a street / store collection, sponsored walk, please contact us. We can provide literature to display.

We can promote these events on our main charity website, Facebook and Twitter pages and do mailshots to supporters in the area to encourage support.

These events are very important for the charity as they not only raise much needed funds but they raise awareness of our work and the plight of the galgos. It is also good for the charity to have new members join us, often after they have picked up literature at an event they want to help, and some people have gone on to adopt one of our galgos.



Sponsored events can be added to our JustGiving site making it easier for people to sponsor on-line
<https://www.justgiving.com/gin/Donate>



Our Facebook page receives many "likes" and this has also led to home offers for our dogs. Events can be placed on there to attract more visitors/sponsors. If you have time please visit and "like us" You can add photos and news of your own dogs on here and message other greyhound and galgo owners, exchanging ideas and offering help/advice to new and potential adopters.

<http://www.facebook.com/greyhoundsinneed>



Our Twitter account is also growing in followers. Please visit to read our news and retweet our messages to help spread the word.

https://twitter.com/@galgos_GIN



We are also on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/greyhoundsinneed.uk>



Visit our on-line shop and treat yourself or your four legged friend

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

Please continue to send us your used British and foreign stamps as these are sorted and sold in special packs on the internet. Also if you have any unwanted silver or gold jewellery—even if broken, or foreign coins, medals, old cameras please send these along to us as funds can be raised from these items.

Donations can be made to GIN in a number of ways:

Cheques and postal orders can be sent to our office in Egham.

Regular monthly donations can be set up by standing order (page 26)

Donations can be made on line at



OR



Please don't forget that our merchandise can be purchased on-line or over the phone and donations, memberships and sponsorships can be paid over the phone too —**01784 483206**



We have an account on eBay where items can be sold and 100 % of the proceeds go to GIN. It is possible for our supporters to sell their items on eBay (if they have an account) and ask for a percentage or all of the money raised to go to GIN.

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

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

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

Other items always needed in Spain— collars, leads and muzzles, feeding and water bowls, small blankets, towels, bandages, dog toys.

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



Please call us on 01784 483206 for details

Our April, Galgos



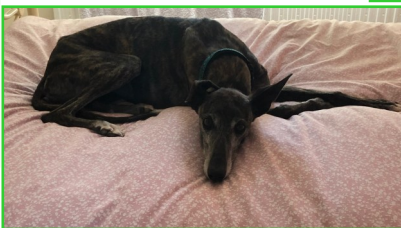
Jenny (was Ivy) sleeping it off in Lancashire



Ruan (was Russet) loving life in Devon



LuLu (was Panadera) happily settled in Surrey



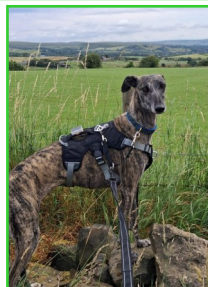
Gloria snug as a bug in Herefordshire



Vodka (was Peanut) leaving the kennels to go to her new home in Middlesex.



Bailey (was Rain) went to live with Red in lovely Norfolk

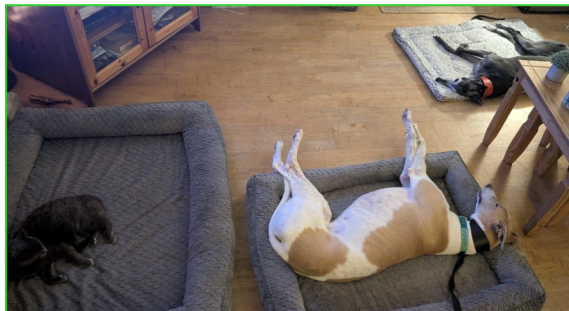


Remus (was Brazil Nut) loving the Oxfordshire countryside with his new family.

Luca (was Pistachio) went to his forever home in Buckinghamshire



Raven (was Nutty) went off to live with Arwen in Wallington



Cashew with his new family in Yorkshire



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 very grateful.

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

Name.....

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Amount enclosed £_____

Please tick this box if you would like a receipt

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(Please make cheques payable to Greyhounds in Need CIO) and send to :

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

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When Every Bang Feels Like a Threat: Noise Phobias and Fireworks in Dogs

For many of us, fireworks are associated with celebration. For some dogs, however, the sudden bangs, whistles and flashes can turn an ordinary evening into a frightening experience. What may begin as mild nervousness can, in some dogs, develop into a significant noise phobia that affects their wellbeing. Understanding the signs of fear, preparing early and knowing when to seek professional help can make fireworks season considerably easier for dogs and their owners.

What is a noise phobia?

It is perfectly normal for a dog to react to an unexpected loud noise. A noise phobia goes beyond a brief startle response. It involves an excessive or persistent fear of particular sounds, with the dog struggling to recover or attempting to escape from the perceived threat.

Fireworks are an especially difficult trigger because they combine several challenging features. They are extremely loud, occur unpredictably and may be accompanied by flashes of light and vibrations. Unlike a thunderstorm, which may provide environmental clues that it is approaching, an individual firework can apparently come from nowhere.

Dogs can also become sensitive to other noises, including:

- Thunderstorms
- Gunshots
- Construction work
- Alarms and sirens
- Household appliances
- Vehicle noises



Some dogs become fearful of several different sounds, while others react specifically to fireworks.

Recognising the signs

Fear does not look the same in every dog.

Some dogs make their distress very obvious by barking, whining, trembling or desperately trying to hide. Others show much subtler changes in behaviour.

Signs associated with noise fear can include:

- Panting when the dog is not hot
- Pacing or an inability to settle
- Trembling
- Hiding
- Becoming unusually clingy
- Drooling
- Refusing food

- Barking or whining
- Trying to escape
- Scratching or digging at doors
- Toileting indoors
- Remaining unusually alert or watchful

Owners should pay particular attention to changes from their dog's normal behaviour. A dog sitting quietly in a corner, for example, isn't necessarily coping better than one that is pacing around the room. Severely frightened dogs may try to escape through doors, windows, fences or other barriers, potentially injuring themselves in the process.

Why do some dogs become frightened of fireworks?

There isn't necessarily a single cause.

Genetics and temperament may play a part, as can previous experiences. A particularly frightening incident involving a loud noise may contribute to later sensitivity. Dogs that haven't encountered a broad range of sounds positively during their early development may also find unfamiliar noises more difficult.

Fear can also change over the course of a dog's life. If a dog that previously tolerated fireworks suddenly begins behaving differently, particularly if they are older, it is worth discussing the change with a veterinary professional. Pain or other health problems can sometimes influence an animal's behaviour and tolerance of stressful situations.

Whatever the underlying cause, it is important not to dismiss genuine fear as a dog simply being "silly" or badly behaved.



Preparing for fireworks

The best time to think about fireworks isn't when the first rocket goes off outside. Preparation should ideally begin well beforehand.

Create a safe retreat

Give your dog somewhere comfortable where they can choose to hide or rest. This might be a covered crate, provided the dog already regards their crate positively, or a quiet area away from windows. Include familiar bedding and make the space easily accessible.

Never force a frightened dog into a hiding place or pull them out when they have chosen to retreat.



Plan walks carefully

On evenings when fireworks are expected, exercise your dog earlier, ideally during daylight and before displays are likely to begin.

Keep your dog securely under control when outside. Even a normally reliable dog can behave unpredictably when suddenly frightened.

Check that gates and fences are secure and that identification and microchip contact details are current.

Reduce the impact indoors

Before fireworks begin:

- Close windows and doors.
- Draw curtains or blinds to reduce flashes.
- Use familiar background television, music or other household sound to help reduce the contrast between silence and outside noises.
- Make sure water and the dog's preferred resting places are readily available

Try to behave normally yourself. Your presence can be reassuring, without needing to turn the evening into a major event.

Should you comfort a frightened dog?

Owners are sometimes advised to ignore frightened dogs because comforting them will "reward the fear".

Fear is an emotional response, rather than deliberate misbehaviour.

If your dog seeks you out for reassurance, it is reasonable to provide calm company and gentle physical contact if they enjoy it. Equally, a dog that chooses to hide shouldn't be forced to interact.

Let the dog's behaviour guide you.

Food, toys or gentle activities can be useful distractions for dogs that remain relaxed enough to engage with them. If a dog is too frightened to take a favourite treat, however, repeatedly encouraging them to eat is unlikely to solve the underlying problem.

What not to do

Punishing a frightened dog is inappropriate and may increase its anxiety.

Avoid shouting at your dog, deliberately exposing them to loud fireworks or forcing them to remain near a frightening noise in the hope that they will simply "get used to it".

Extreme exposure can make fear worse rather than eliminate it.

It is also important not to give dogs human medication, sedatives or other remedies unless specifically advised to do so by a veterinary professional.

Helping dogs in the longer term

For dogs with established noise fears, management on fireworks night is only part of the solution.

Behavioural programmes using carefully controlled exposure to recorded sounds can sometimes help dogs become more comfortable with noises. The principle is to begin at an intensity that does not provoke fear and gradually progress while associating the sounds with something positive.

This needs patience. Simply playing firework recordings loudly is not the same thing and risks making the problem worse.

For moderate or severe cases, a veterinary surgeon or suitably qualified clinical animal behaviourist can help develop an individual plan.

When medication may help

For some dogs, environmental changes alone aren't enough.

Veterinary-prescribed medication can sometimes form an important part of managing serious firework fear. The aim should be to reduce distress, rather than merely making a frightened dog appear quieter.

Treatment needs to be appropriate to the individual animal, taking account of their health, age, behaviour and circumstances. Owners should therefore speak to their vet well before a predictable fireworks period rather than waiting until their dog is already severely distressed.

Behavioural work and medication aren't necessarily alternatives. In appropriate cases, they may form complementary parts of the same treatment plan.

Don't wait for fireworks night

Perhaps the most important message is that owners don't need to wait until their dog is terrified before seeking help.

Keep a note of when reactions occur, the noises involved, what the dog does and how long it takes them to return to normal. Short video recordings can also be useful for a veterinary or behavioural assessment, provided recording them does not interfere with caring for the dog.

Early intervention may prevent a relatively manageable fear from becoming a much bigger problem.

A calmer approach to fireworks season

We cannot explain to our dogs that the explosions outside are part of a celebration. From their perspective, the noise may be sudden, unpredictable and genuinely frightening.

What we can do is take that fear seriously.

Planning ahead, providing somewhere safe, reducing exposure and recognising when professional support is needed can make an enormous difference. If your dog already struggles with fireworks, consider speaking to your veterinary practice **before fireworks season begins**.

The goal isn't simply to have a quieter dog. It is to help them **feel safer**.



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 £250.

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



www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk





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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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