



Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity

Newsletter

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HELLO TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. I hope you and your families, especially the four-legged ones, are happy and well. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support which is greatly appreciated. This newsletter is full of information, tributes, guidance and fun. As well as beautiful pictures for you to enjoy. Enclosed is a Friends Renewal Form for 2024 (unless you have set up a standing order) which we require you to complete and return to continue your valuable support of the Charity and to enable us to reclaim Gift Aid, where appropriate. Thank you for all your wonderful contributions.

Chair's Welcome

By Helen Lister

Another year almost over and we ended our last Newsletter in November 2023 with the news that Helen Rishworth (our Trustee/Secretary) and Sam had got engaged in December 2022.



Their wedding took place at the beginning of April this year, with a beautiful ceremony at St Cyriac's Church in the delightful medieval village of Lacock; untouched by modern alterations and which has had many famous appearances in Downton Abbey, Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice and Cranford. You really could not have found a more perfect setting for a wedding, with the gorgeous flowers, Helen's amazing dress and her handsome husband

Even Ami, Helen's own IG witnessed the event, ably looked after by Jo (Trustee) as she had recently had eye surgery.



Sadly, the weather did what it seems to have done most of this year and that was rain. But it certainly didn't spoil a day that Jo, I and everyone who attended Helen's wedding will never forget; a flawless reception held at Elmhay Park in Somerset with a number of IGs present followed.

Helen is now Mrs. Helen Rishworth-Cutler.



Staying with Trustees, for without them there would not be a charity, and sadly Adrian Bickers has decided to retire after 16 years with the Charity. Adrian spent five of these years as Charity Secretary. He has devoted many hours to the Charity and some of you will have met Adrian as our efficient Show Manager at both of the Charity's IG Stravaganza events at Gawsworth Hall and before that at our very first garden party in Lach Dennis Village Hall in Cheshire where we couldn't fit everyone in. Adrian was also very active in the Chihuahua Rescue, his other love. We thank you Adrian for your wise counsel, transporting, fostering and home checking and for helping the Charity which started off in a very small way, and now is reaching out to help so many IGs that none of us thought we would ever see needing rescue. Enjoy your retirement Adrian - you will be missed by the dogs and us, the Trustees.



2024 has broken all records since I first became involved in IG rescue over 25 years ago. Since the last Newsletter was written we have rehomed 36 IGs or IG crossed breeds. Every year rescue seems to throw something new at us and this last year we have had 3 batches of 5 IGs all coming from the same homes. We exist to help any IG needing our help but arriving in batches of 5 certainly puts a strain on resources, especially when they all require veterinary treatment before they can be rehomed. Julie, one of our Trustees, had one of these batches and she and her husband Stuart ended up adopting an older boy as they got so attached to him and nursing him through his vet treatment - his story is elsewhere in the Newsletter.



Sadly, for the adopters of some of the rescues, they have had to have long-term hospitalisation or move into permanent nursing care, a heartbreaking situation when getting on in years and your soulmate is your IG.

Luckily two well-known IG owners came forward and have continued to give these dogs a loving home in their old age. We also had one old boy of 13 whose owner had died and with no family member to take him on we rehomed into a lovely home with previous IG experience. After a run of older dogs, we also had several puppies put into rescue because of leg fractures.

Sometimes owners haven't the time required to devote to the care for their legs to heal and one 15-week-old puppy that hadn't even received any treatment had a particularly hard time, which is now being investigated by the necessary authorities. She has flourished since being adopted by Shirley our Charity Patron and she is particularly good on pigeon patrol in Shirley's Garden!



We also had a number of pairs of IGs, and it is so nice for the dogs when they can stay together and can be adopted by previous rescue adopters who know what to expect of the breed. Most of the dogs that come into rescue is because the breeders have not enlightened the owners that IGs are not like every other dog and are certainly not for everyone, nor do they come with an on/off switch. Two 8-week-old puppies really fell on all 8 paws when an experienced IG owner came forward to adopt them, saving them from being the next breeding machines.



We also had a number of older dogs that came from a past breeding establishment and their adopters are working wonders with giving them what we consider to be a normal life, rather than being shut in a kennel producing puppies and never being taken anywhere.

We are fully aware that some of the dogs require many hours of patience, and it is particularly heart-warming to see pictures and updates about how they are settling in their homes.

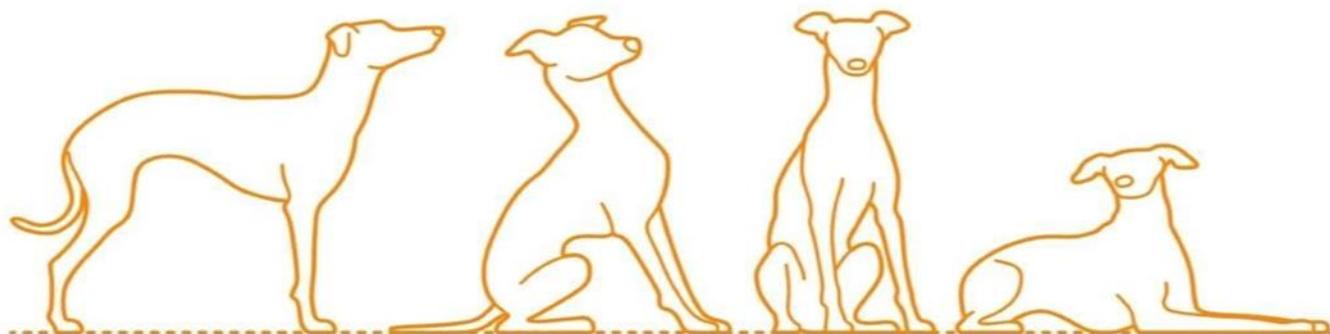
I think this year we have had more support from volunteers than ever and it is particularly appreciated given the numbers of rescues we have had. Not just transporting the dogs, home-checking and fostering but also donations of food, surplus coats and travel boxes. Along with Mary's wonderful handmade vests and toys and Stephanie's soft crocheted blankets and technical and design skills enabling our website to be refreshed which now has an online shop, where our cards, calendars and other items can be purchased. In September we held a Facebook Auction of donated IG memorabilia which raised more than £1500 and we will be holding another auction before too long.

We still collect used stamps, which now need to be sent to the opposite entry of the country, where a kind lady is collating and trimming them for us.

The new address is:

The Italian Greyhound Stamp Collection

8a Cobden Crescent
Edinburgh EH9 2BG



IN HONOUR OF PAOLA MARRA

1970 - 2024

Paola Marra, long-time supporter of the IG Rescue Charity and self-confessed crazy dog lady, passed away at Dignitas on 21 March 2024, at the age of 53.

Paola was an extraordinary woman who, inspired by her rescue Whippets, and latterly her IGs, set up Iheartwhippets on Facebook. Paola used her incredible social media presence to highlight causes that she cared passionately about and raised over £1million to support a multitude of dog-related charities, including the IG Rescue Charity.

Paola had terminal cancer and, knowing that she would choose to end her life on her own terms, Paola had this to say:

"Strangely, I'm happier than I've ever been ... I'm much freer than I've been. And I have so much gratitude. Like, walking the dogs every morning in the park if the sunlight hits a certain tree and there's a bird there. I know it sounds so cheesy, but I'm just really grateful for these moments."



Paola, photographed by Rankin, with whom she made a powerful short film to campaign for change to the UK's laws on assisted dying.

Paola's gang of rescues: Bella, Coco, Luigi and Stanley, and Dusty & Pippa, aka 'The Tiny Tots'. Paola adopted Luigi and then Dusty & Pippa through the IG Rescue, and Paola's support for our work was hugely appreciated.





PAOLA'S LAST REQUEST

Paola signed off with a bang – from The Guardian to The Telegraph, The Daily Mail and the BBC, every major news organisation in the UK carried Paola's story – even when planning the end of her life. Paola focused on raising awareness of a cause that she cared about.

Paola made an incredibly moving and powerful short film with Rankin, the acclaimed British photographer and film director, to campaign for change to the UK's laws on assisted dying. To watch it, search online: "Paola Mara The Last Request".

In Paola's own words:

"Assisted dying is not about giving up. In fact, it's about reclaiming control. It's not about death, it's about dignity. It's about giving people the right to end their suffering on their own terms, with compassion and respect."

Paola wrote an open letter to the UK Parliament and set up a petition asking Westminster for change to the UK laws on assisted dying. Paola's petition can be signed online at:

www.dignityindying.org.uk/paola



The front page of The Guardian.
21 March 2024.

Feeding Italian Greyhounds

By Jo Amsel

The subject of what food to feed Italian Greyhounds and how much should they weigh is something that often appears as questions on social media. There is so much information out there that it can be very hard for owners to determine what they should be feeding, how many times to feed and how their dog should look. Years ago, it was all very easy. When Mr. Kellogg discovered that you could feed people cheaply on grains, Kellogg's cornflakes were invented. Much the same applied to dogs - cheap wheat, barley and oats but mainly wheat was produced to add to meat, offal, scraps and bones that owners got from the butcher. Suddenly we had Spratt's biscuits and Winalot mixer. This then expanded into leftover meat cuts not suitable for human consumption plus cereals that were not identified, and dog owners were introduced to the likes of Pedigree Chum etc.

The next step was that dog food had to be categorised into 'complete and balanced' food. However, looking at the ingredients in a lot of these foods, the meat used is not identified and neither are the cereals. Roadkill is not off the menu! In order to make them 'complete' and 'balanced', vitamins and minerals have to be added.

And finally, we now have raw foods, fresh cooked foods, air dried foods, extruded kibbles, oven baked food and cold pressed foods, vegetarian foods plus tinned food, sachets and the usual mixers. Remember if you buy sachets and many tin foods, much of what you pay for is actually water which makes them expensive for the nourishment the dogs are going to get.

Suddenly we got a lot of 'allergic' dogs, so the manufacturers quickly jumped on the bandwagon and produced grain free foods. So, it is no wonder that human owners find it very confusing to know what is best for their dogs.

As far as condition goes, puppies should always be a little fat hence the well-known phrase 'puppy fat'. Puppy fat begins to reduce when they are about six months old. A fully developed Italian Greyhound should not show its ribs, but they should be very easily felt with no layer of fat over them and viewed from above, they should have a definite waistline but, too narrow a waistline would indicate the dog is a bit underweight. The 'pin bones', which are in fact the top of the sacroiliac joint, should just about be visible (they are situated on the back not far from the tail). The coat should be glossy, and a dog's overall appearance and energy levels should be easily seen as signs of good health.

Some people post on social media giving the weight of their puppy or their adult and saying, 'is this okay'? Italian Greyhounds are very variable in size and weight - some are bigger boned and some very fine so it's irrelevant what other owners' dogs weigh.

Many Italians, if not most, are very good eaters but there are a few that are tricky to feed. I'm afraid that sometimes the advice which is to take away the food and eventually they'll get hungry, doesn't always work. Some dogs genuinely do not like dry foods and there is no point trying to force it on them. Other people leave the food down all day so the dogs can pick at it, especially if they are fussy. This is entirely the wrong thing to do as their digestion works far better if they are fed once or twice a day. Obviously, puppies need feeding more often according to how they look - normally I say four times a day up to 3 months and then three times a day up to 9 to 12 months.

There is so much information on the internet that there is no point me writing more here because it would end up as a book rather than an article. What I am going to do is tell you how I feed my dogs

having had them for 34 years and sometimes up to as many as 15, and occasionally including other breeds such as Dachshunds and Whippets plus a Galgo, all of whom were fed the same way.

I start weaning puppies at around 3 to 4 weeks. The first meals are normally a little kefir. They then progress onto raw, very finely minced beef. Because it's so easy nowadays to buy ready prepared raw puppy food, by the time they are six weeks they are weaned onto a commercial variety. However, some brands are better than others and generally speaking they are the more expensive ones.

Once they are eating well and fully weaned from mother, I start introducing new foods. It is important not to overfeed puppies - the most usual reason for puppies getting sloppy poops, but otherwise appearing well, is because they're being overfed and because they're being overfed the wrong foods. Puppies are not babies, and they don't need human baby food, neither do they need scrambled eggs, cereal, Weetabix, even goats milk. When I wean pups, I do not wean them using milk although goats' milk in small amounts won't hurt them.

By the time they are six months, they are having a wide variety of meats which are raw, also cooked or macerated vegetables and other things like a bit of cheese, sometimes some air dry raw and occasionally a good quality tinned food. In all these years, I have never had an Italian Greyhound that was sensitive or allergic to any food. I have had one bitch that was a very poor feeder until after her first season, but she certainly wasn't sensitive or allergic to anything. I had one dog that couldn't have raw chicken wings. There is always a very slight danger with these, but it is very slight.

Italian Greyhounds can be prone to a chronic irritable bowel syndrome. Some owners may find that one food is better than another, but nothing has been proven food wise to cause it. Sometimes it really does help to give them glucosamine or L -glutamine daily. This has been proven to work in cats and humans and when I've advised owners of it, it has worked on over half the dogs, greatly reducing or eliminating altogether chronic colitis. Please note this is entirely different from an acute colitis which needs veterinary intervention.

Some good foods for dogs include things like sardines, other fish cooked, fruits and mushrooms. Do check on the internet before you give your dogs something that you aren't sure of because things that are fine for us can be poisonous to dogs.

I recommend that anybody interested in feeding looks up the website All About Dog Food which gives very sensible advice and also gives the star rating to various foods. The rating can go from 1 to 5.

Heavily advertise foods do not mean a good high-quality food. The well-known manufacturers can afford to advertise heavily but the ingredients, while they may sound good, a closer inspection reveals their poor quality. Learn to read the labels as they are extremely misleading. For instance, a food can list fresh chicken as the first ingredient and then list dry ingredients like rice after that so you would think that chicken is the prime ingredient. When you take the water out of the chicken, very often the chicken or other meat content is no higher than fourth or fifth on the list. Really and truly this kind of labelling should be made illegal but so far it hasn't been. In general, food produced in Europe has a much better labelling system -instead of just saying chicken or duck or beef etc. they will give the percentages of muscle meat and offal.

Finally, for treats you can do no better than dried meat or dried offal. Mine love furry rabbits' ears. Most treats reported to help dental health are a total con and expensive. Save your money on those and only buy the high-quality ones.

Tributes to the friends we have lost



Rainbow Bridge Mickey

By Katherine Williams

In February this year, we had to say goodbye to dear Mr Mickey. He had been doing really well until about a few days before he passed away. It was very peaceful, and Mickey was surrounded by those that loved him. He wasn't in any pain and just slipped away.



We, of course, are totally heartbroken. He was such a sweet, gentle little doggie. He adored his brother, Mouse, and they were so funny together. They've brought us so much happiness with their funny antics and Mickey was such a sweetie. We have some lovely memories. We are very sad and are looking after Mousey and spoiling him as he has been looking for Mickey - it's so sad.

We will make sure Mousey has the best time he can until it's time for him to be with his brother again.

We can see you,
Mickey.

Mouse and
Mickey.



Rainbow Bridge Fi

By Denise & Andy Brown



Fi came into our lives ten years ago after a chequered history. She had the sweetest nature, and we fell in love with her. Fi came with her toy, a little yellow duck that was to stay with her throughout her life, becoming known as Ducky.

Our first IG, Rafa, tolerated Fi and allowed her to groom him, becoming particularly fond of her licking his ears. He was also responsible for Ducky losing her innards!

Fi was also an anxious girl who was very dog-reactive when she came to live with us and we soon found it stressful for all of us to go for a walk. We became known in the village and other dog owners fell into two camps: those who swiftly crossed the road and those whose dogs were calm and allowed Fi to become calm too. We spent several years working with a behaviourist and it was wonderful when Fi was finally confident around other dogs.

Rafa had been a cautious dog when off lead, always keeping us in sight. So it was a revelation when we discovered that Fi could fully explore her surroundings and return to us. Except on her first outing in a Suffolk Forest when she ran off into the trees and we waited and waited growing increasingly anxious until she suddenly reappeared some time later and looked at us as if to say “what were you worried about I’m here!”.

We moved to a new area during the first lockdown and were lucky enough to have walks straight from the house, including the local golf course which had been opened to the public for walking. We soon met dogs who made Fi look positively angelic and she became loved by many of the people who met her. Our lives were greatly enriched by this little dog.

In late 2023 Fi appeared unwell and our vet discovered that she was calcium and Vitamin D deficient. Although she was successfully treated, Fi remained unwell and so we took her to a specialist veterinary hospital. Their vet decided to keep Fi overnight to enable them time to do a number of tests and an ultrasound scan the next morning.

The scan showed large areas of scarring throughout her gut and pancreas as a result of inflammation. I was called the following day and asked permission for the vet to take a liver biopsy while Fi was still sedated. I collected Fi that afternoon and was told the results of the biopsy would be available in a few days.

The vet called one morning and asked if I had time to talk. The biopsy had confirmed their fears that Fi had liver metastases but they had not identified a primary tumour during the scan. We made the decision not to pursue further investigations and to treat Fi with palliative care given that she was now approximately 15 or 16 years old, was now blind and anxious. The nurses had fallen in love with Fi and had enjoyed caring for her.



Our own vet was incredibly caring and managed Fi's increasing pain diligently. Fi was incredibly stoic over the next four months but one Sunday it was clear she was struggling with pain however much medication we gave her and she spent that night in bed with us. On Monday morning we arranged for our vet to see her at home and she gave Fi the most calm and peaceful death. Our hearts were broken and even today writing this I find myself in tears, such is the depth of our feelings of loss. Yet we still have the most wonderful memories of Fi, and Ducky too, and the irreplaceable part she played in our lives.

Rainbow Bridge – Copper

By Marga Groome

We collected Copper from Helen in Windermere in June 2015 when he was about 18 months old. We had journeyed up from our village near Ramsgate on the Kent coast with our remaining Whippet Gypsy, having lost our other Whippet Grace just recently. Copper was a real livewire so long walks on the marshes behind our bungalow were needed especially when he grabbed and damaged one of our chickens (our Whippets used to walk among the hens quite safely). Later, with my past experience with obedience clubs, we soon trained him into shape and eventually he was allowed off leash.

We couldn't see why he was rehomed as both Italian Greyhound and Whippet puppies were renowned for their zooming around, they are bred from Greyhounds, and Copper was a very beautiful golden fawn with white trim. Until nine months later, when he had his first epileptic fit with us when the penny dropped. My very good vet helped him become fit free in about eighteen months and he never looked back - Copper became a bit of a celebrity by being the only PICCOLO ITALIANO in the village.

Sadly four months ago I found him laying on the kitchen floor, his gums were white and his feet pads cold and the immediate vet's visit confirmed a large splenic tumour causing heart failure so there was no choice but to let him pass away in my arms. Copper would have been ten years old on the 14th October this year and us being now in our eighties, I think I can say he enjoyed his life in what my son Myles calls 'The Old Farts Home'!



Gypsy and Copper

Rainbow Bridge – Bella (August 2009 – May 2024)

By Margaret Mace

Twelve years ago, a tiny, neglected and frightened IG came to live with us. Totally unsocialised, she just needed to be loved. We renamed her Bella. Small, dainty (never weighing more than 4.5Kg), she always attracted attention to which she gradually and very gently responded.

We have shared many adventures over the years - moving house, moving county, new grandchildren, exciting travel by train and car, throughout the UK and beyond driving to France and Italy. She loved the car and always settled well in strange hotels.

Evie, a Miniature Schnauzer belonging to our grandson, was her best friend spending holiday periods at Evie's home or at home with Bella. They played together and happily shared a bed or a spot in front of the log fire. Bella always sought out the warm places be it the fireside in winter or sunny spots wherever available.



Bella was a great survivor recovering well from a nasty attack by an uncontrolled bigger dog and a fall downstairs Little. Sadly, 4 years ago she developed cataracts first in one eye then both until eventually she became totally blind. Under the care of the excellent Veterinary Vision Clinic in Sunderland the main aim of treatment was to prevent glaucoma and thankfully this was avoided. Bella coped wonderfully well with her own routine in and around the house. Latterly she really became a house dog enjoying sleeping peacefully with short walks outside away from traffic - the day punctuated by 4 hourly eyedrops which she tolerated so patiently.

It was on 24th May this year that we had finally to say goodbye. Oh Bella - we do miss you.



Bee, Roo & Mouse

By Katherine Williams

On a cold and dark Wednesday night in February, our home phone rings. It is very unusual for our home phone to ring as most people now contact us via our mobiles. It was Helen Lister on the phone. Helen knew that one of our beloved Iggies had passed over the Rainbow Bridge (Mickey, who we adopted from the IGRC back in 2020 with his brother, Mouse, both aged 12) and she told us about another pair of Iggies who were, unfortunately, looking for a new home.



She told us all about Bee (aged 15) and Roo (aged 12) whose owner was no longer able to look after these beautiful girls, through no fault of her own, and asked whether we would consider giving them a home. Well, what could we say? Mouse had just lost his brother and was upset and kept looking for him and these girls needed a home so, of course, we said yes!

The girls have been living with us since February 2024 and they've settled in very well. We have taken the gang out into Beverley (the medieval market town where we live) - we live a 15-minute walk away from the centre of the town and they love going to Café Nero where Bee loves to settle down on our son Daniel's lap! Roo just loves the attention she gets and is so eager to get out and about that it's making us all a bit fitter! Roo also seems to have a particular liking for my right (!) slipper. It's so funny, I'll leave my slippers in the hallway when I go out and when I get back invariably there's only the left slipper in the hall! Then we have to "search the slipper" - we find it, more often than not, on the sofa next to Roo! Mouse is now very

elderly and so has taken to going out in his chariot and Bee and Roo are happy to walk alongside. We've taken the gang in cables cars, to castles, to the seaside and they also enjoy spending time at our Board Games Café that we run in the town, The Game Shack (please visit our Facebook page to learn more about this venture).



We love having the girls and we know that they've made life a little easier for Mouse after he lost Mickey. We are known locally as the Williams Retirement Home for dogs as we always adopt the oldies.

Here are some pictures of their adventures!



Sid's story of surgery & recovery

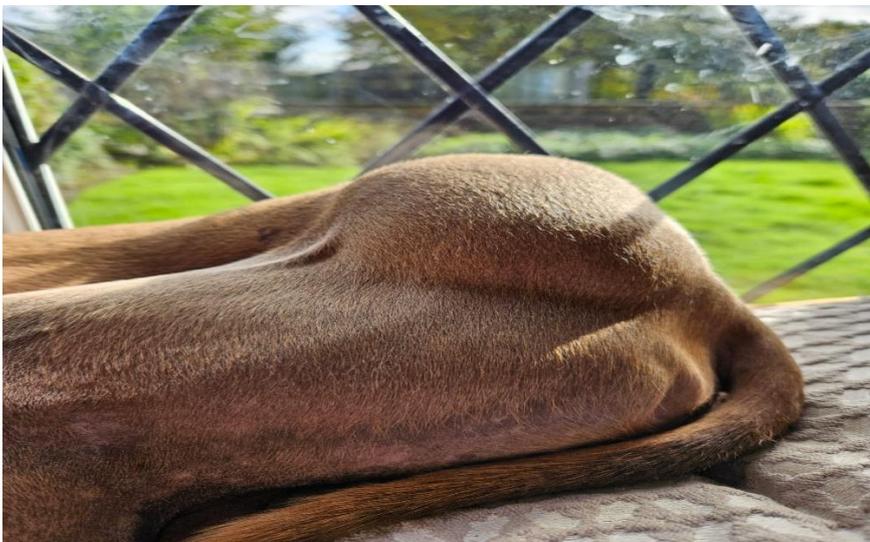
At the beginning of the Summer this year, one of the IGRC's Trustees, Julie McNaughton, and her husband Stuart, collected five rescue Italian Greyhounds and took them in their home for foster care. One of these rescues was 10-year Sid.

Homes for all five rescues were found but when Sid's adoption fell through, he remained with Julie and Stuart.

When Sid was placed into the IGRC's care, the Charity was informed that Sid was very reactive with other dogs and that he should be kept separated. Having been used to the company of the four other rescues, Julie was worried that Sid would become lonely, so she gently introduced him to their other dogs. Within hours, Sid was settled and content amongst the McNaughton household.



Sid was placed into the IGRC's care with a number of lumps on his body. One was positioned on his chest and Sid underwent surgery shortly after being rescued to have this lump removed. He also had another lump on his hip – initially, the decision was made to not remove this lump but when it grew in size and appeared to be puckering at the edges, Julie took Sid back to the vets and surgery was booked to remove this lump in early October this Autumn.



The operation was a success with the lump removed cleanly and completely. What was quite extraordinary was the size of this lump which weighed in at 0.23kg. Due to the size of the lump, a large incision was needed and a subsequent drain was fitted. Sid returned home with a surgical vest where Julie and Stuart provided round the clock care. The drain needed regular draining and alongside the surgical vest, pads were put underneath to capture any fluid from the wound.

Sid's recovery has been going very well with the vets happy with his progress and recovery at his check-up appointments. While Sid has occasionally tried to fuss the wound, in the main, he has been very good and the drain has now been removed. Tests confirmed that the large lump on Sid's hip was a fatty lump and while it cannot be guaranteed, the vets are hopeful that the lump will not grow back.



Sid has fitted in with Julie and Stuart's other dogs incredibly well and he takes great comfort and reassurance from them. Sid gives so much affection and just loves cuddles - his favourite position is on the sofa with his paws around Julie's neck giving the most affectionate cuddles. Earlier in the summer, Sid also enjoyed a trip to the Game Fair where he was able to take in the sights and sounds from the comfort of a stroller - he loved meeting people and thoroughly enjoyed this great day out. Everyone who meets Sid also loves him - following the surgery to remove the lump from his hip, Sid refused to eat except when one of the nurses offered him some chicken from their sandwich which Sid happily devoured straight from their hands!

With it clear that Sid is going to need veterinary treatment for life and following his successful integration in their family, Julie and Stuart have formally adopted Sid and they look forward to giving Sid a wonderful life in his senior years.

Rescue Stories – Sophie & Willow

By Natasha Rae

I adopted 6 year old Sophie in December 2023 after she was used as a breeding dog. Sophie was a very nervous girl when she came to me and hid in her pen for almost a week before she would come out. She had her meals and went to the toilet in her pen.

I could not pick her up as she climbed the pen to get away from me - the pads and blankets were changed with her squashed in the corner wetting herself at the same time. During the following weeks she gradually came out of her pen and sat with my other two dogs - Noodle and Izzy - she was very confident with them and started to follow them around however as soon as I went anywhere near her to try and pick her up, she would run into her pen and stayed there for many hours.



During the following months, with gentle encouragement and sitting near her, she began to leave the pen and eat with the others. As the weather improved, Sophie loved to be in the garden, just wandering around and lying on her bed.

Sophie has been with me for 10 months and has come on in every way apart from being picked up, when she will revert back to her pen and avoid me for the rest of the day. She wants attention, she comes up to me providing I do not attempt to pick

her up and I can stroke her body with one hand while she's on the floor. I'm hoping as time goes on, Sophie will trust me enough to hold her.

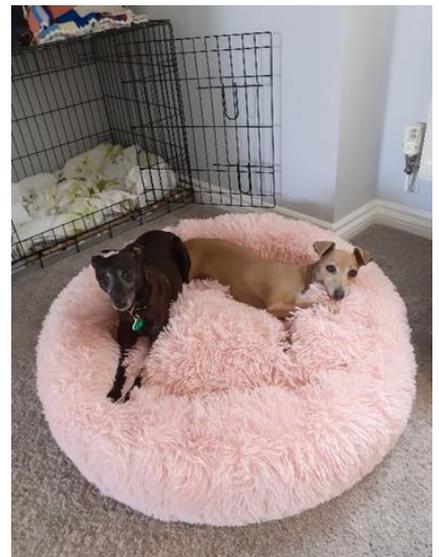
Willow came to me in August 2024 as an 8-year-old foster. Willow's background is similar to Sophie's but how different she is to her. From day one, Willow has settled in very well, she loves human contact and absolutely adores Sophie - within hours Willow was snuggled up to Sophie. Willow did become quite intense with her and persistently held her down and washed her from head to toe, but Sophie was not bothered by this and could always get up if she wanted to. I just think Willow looked at her as her puppy as this was all she had ever known. Over the last few weeks,

this washing has decreased, and Sophie just gets a quick wash on her face.

Willow loves to be out for walks and would, if she could, spend her whole day sitting on my lap. When I have to go out, she will sit by the front door barking, waiting for me to come home and as soon as I'm through the door, she is all over me.

Toilet training is in its very early days and Willow does not like the cold or wet but with routine and encouragement, I don't think it will be too long before she goes outside.

To have been given the chance to rehome these beautiful girls and give them the life they deserve has been very humbling. At times, it has been hard work but so worth it just to see them happy and being dogs but especially to see Sophie living as part of our family not hiding away in her pen.



Note from the editor

Please send any funny anecdotes or photos of your IGs for inclusion in next year's newsletter. Point of contact for any items is info@italiangreyhoundrescuecharity.org.uk

IGRC Online Shop

Earlier this year, something new was added to the Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity's website... a shop! Our online shop means that ordering items from the IGRC is now easier than ever, allowing you to order a great selection of goodies to support our charity work in a quick click of a button! The IGRC online shop is home to lots of different items available to order including fleece squeaky toys, soft fleece vests for your Italian Greyhounds, IGRC merchandises such as van stickers, greeting cards, tote bags, coasters and so much more.

When placing an order, you can either pay via PayPal or via the usual checkout methods and your order will be despatched using Royal Mail 2nd class shipping.

To visit our online shop and to make a purchase or two, please head to www.italiangreyhoundrescuecharity.org.uk/shop. Enjoy!



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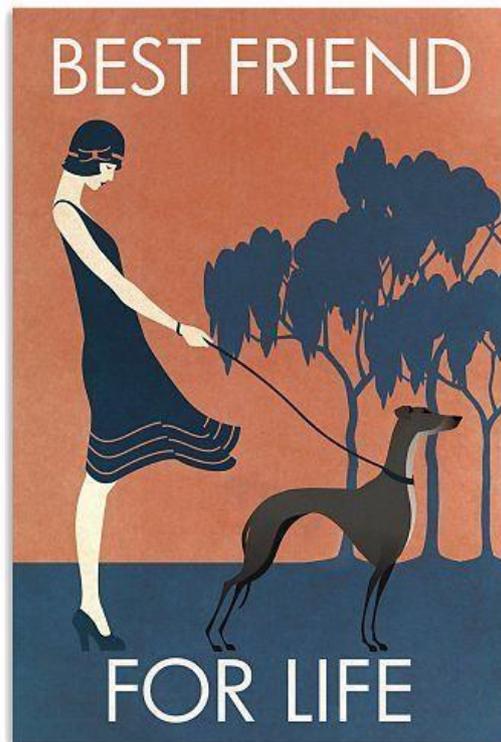
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2025 CALENDAR



Please see below for details regarding the Friends and Friends for Life membership:

Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity

Friends Application Form



I/We wish to become a Friend(s) of Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity (open to all ages).

Annual Individual Friends Membership £5.00 **Annual Joint Friends Membership** (at same address) **£8.00** Annual Membership will generally fall due for renewal on the 1st of January each year thereafter.

Life Individual Friends Membership £120.00 **Life Joint Friends Membership** (at same address) **£150.00**

I/We also wish to make a donation of £_____ (optional) to the Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity.

I/We enclose a cheque or postal order in total for £_____, payable to **Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity**.

NB. You must not have been banned from keeping animals nor have any court proceedings outstanding barring you from owning animals.

(1) Fore name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) _____ Surname _____

(2) Fore name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) _____ Surname _____

Address: - _____

Post Code _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Age (if under 18) _____
(Please ask your Parent or Guardian to sign if under 18)



I/We agree to my/our contact details being held securely for 7 years, which will only be used for charitable purposes.

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"Increase the value of your donation through Gift Aid"

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we can claim an extra 25 pence from HMRC, helping your donation to go further. To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

I want all donations I've made and all future donations to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I pay income tax or capital gains tax and want Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity to reclaim from the Government gift aid on my donation.

Signed _____ Date _____

Thank You for Your Support!

The Trustees of Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity reserve the right to refuse a person as a 'Friend' of the Charity. Italian Greyhound Rescue Charity - Registered Charity Number 1104157 IGRC Treasurer

Please return the completed form to:

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