



*Dedicated to helping galgos  
and sighthounds in Spain and  
elsewhere....*



Galgos were bred to run fast and turn on a dime. To watch one in action is to witness poetry in motion.



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The **GALGO**, a dog of much beauty, intelligence, playfulness; a wonderful companion, a natural comedian, incredibly agile...Truly deserving of comfort and love.



## The Nobility of the Galgo.....

(Alita, rescued by Scooby and now residing in Washington State)



Few people in Spain consider galgos worthy as “pets”. Despite the fact that galgos are typically abused or ignored, at best, by the hunters who “own” them, these dogs crave human contact and attention - as you can see from this photo at a rescue shelter in Spain.

**Podencos, a type of hunting dog in Spain, are also discarded in great numbers and suffer terrible abuses. Americans may know the larger version as “Ibizan Hounds.”**



A lucky podenco, now someone's cherished companion.



This podenco awaits his fate at a killing station (municipal shelter) in Spain.

# **WARNING: DISTURBING IMAGES FOLLOW**

Sadly, these photos tell the story of the galgo in Spain in a way that words simply cannot. Images such as these were a big impetus to starting GRIN. It is hard to turn away from abuse of this severity and magnitude.

**Starving galga brought to a perrera  
(= municipal kill station);  
fortunately, she was rescued**





This galgo's ears were cut off....

**One of the ways that the hunters get rid of their galgos at the end of the hunting season is by hanging them.**





### **Saved from Hanging - the Hell of Cordoba the Visitors don't See!**

Back from the trip to Cordoba, to visit refuges and meet some amazing Spanish volunteers working in them, and to bring out some more wonderful galgos and a couple of podencos for rehoming in France. And I also met my first 'hung galga' in the flesh, rather than just through information on the Internet.

As yet unnamed, she was found hanging by a cord round her neck, struggling. The volunteers cut her down, and took her to the refuge, which is 60km south of Cordoba on the Seville road. She has been in the refuge for 2 weeks now, her physical wounds are healing a bit, but her mental state will take a lot longer. Arrangements have been made to bring her to France as soon as she has been named, microchipped and vaccinated.

## Galgo carcasses discovered at an abandoned building in Spain



Amigos de los Galgos



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This galga was found in a small village near Seville.

Due to the malnourishment and severe lack of vitamines, healthy food and water, she was barly able to walk anymore.

NATI, the lady who found and saved her, had sent an email to many galgo rescue groups and I called her to offer help. We will finances the recovery and preparation of LILA and can do this thanks to the wonderfull auction held on Sighthound Welfare Trust UK.

We hope to have LILA with us in about 2 weeks time, right now she is in a bording kennel recovering slowly but steadily from her horrible past. She was negative in leishmania and mange but we will make a liver-kidney function test tomorrow.

Cross your fingers and paws for LILA!

## **Homeless, Starving, Frightened - life is hard on the streets of Cadiz**

For 3 months this poor galgo has been wandering the streets. He has suffered attacks by other dogs, he is now too weak to defend himself, and he is terrified of people. The only thing which will tempt him is if he is offered some food. He is suffering a slow and painful death from starvation.



Galgos and other hunting breeds (like podencos) are generally not considered “pets” by most Spaniards and the majority of galgos that end up at municipal shelters (perreras) are killed.

A small number of individuals in Spain – people with much compassion but not a lot of resources - help to rescue the galgos and other dogs as best they can and dare to speak out against the abuses.

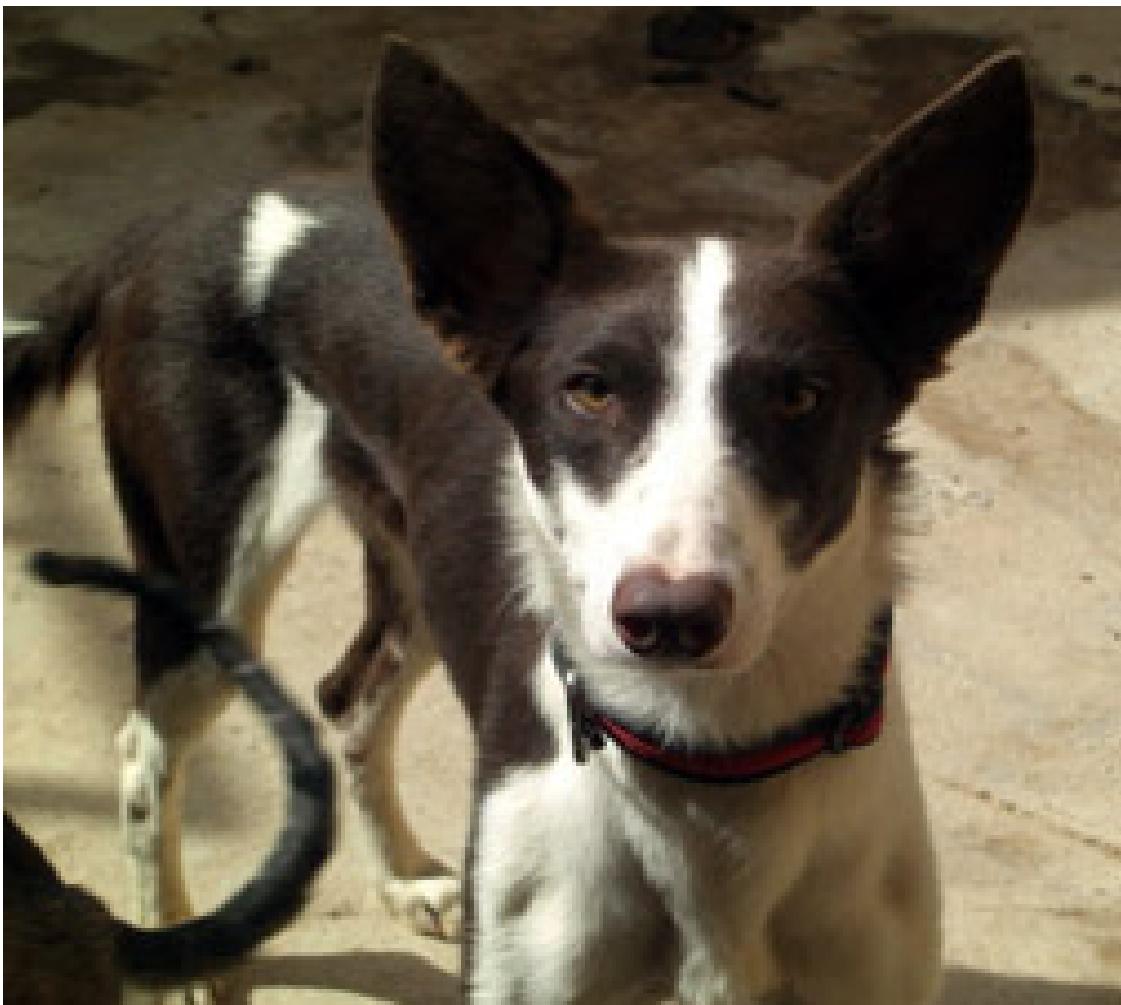
*GRIN helps support these individuals and shelters with supplies and grants.*



**A rescue shelter in Spain**



**Not enough hands....**



Cxoco, a podenco rescued by an individual in Spain. A malformation of his stomach required surgery, otherwise he would die. He was the recipient of a GRIN emergency grant.

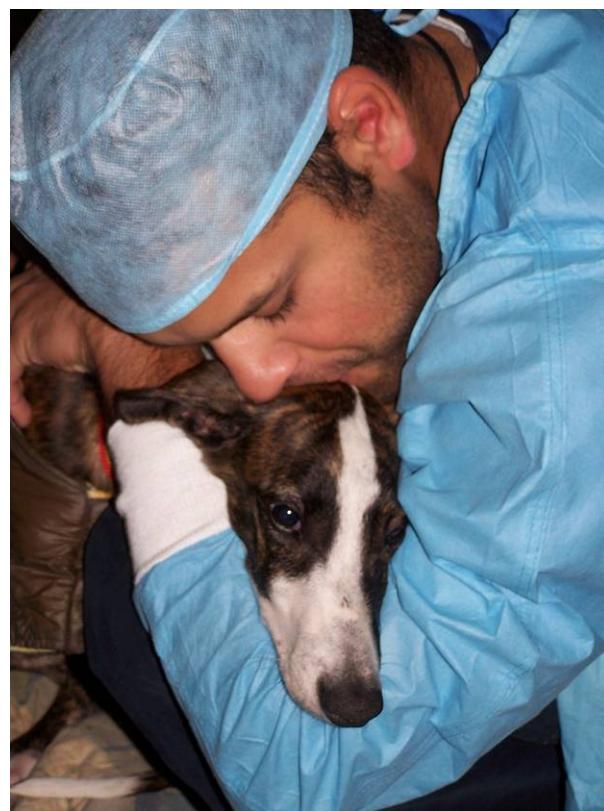


This starving galgo had a horribly broken front leg; fortunately, she was rescued and provided with veterinary care.



Podenco-galgo mix, also rescued.

**Scooby Medina, one of the largest private  
rescue centers for galgos in Spain,  
approximately 1.5 hours from Madrid**



A volunteer vet at Scooby Refuge finds a special friend



Two volunteers, one American, one from France, at Scooby Refuge.

Most of the help for the Spanish shelters comes from France, Belgium, the UK, Holland, Germany and the USA.

## **Volunteer vet relaxes with a young galgo at Scooby Refuge**



# GRIN has helped the Spanish galgos in a variety of ways:

- Through emergency grants.
- Through donation of supplies, including medical supplies.
- As volunteers at shelters in Spain.
- By bringing a limited number of dogs back to the USA.
- By raising public awareness and funds to benefit the shelters (e.g. through on-line auctions and sale of GRIN items).



**Dear GRIN-BOARD-MEMBERS**

We just have received the wonderful donation of 1000USD that will make possible the rescue of ALL the galgos remaining in the killing station in Jerez. Thanks to a donation from [www.baasgalgo.com](http://www.baasgalgo.com) we could send 30 vaccinations for the dogs and pay for the most urgent expenses, thanks to Melanie [www.nothing-to-fear.eu](http://www.nothing-to-fear.eu) we could send 15 warm coats and 20 martingale collars to the killing station to prepare the dogs.

Our plan is as follows:

We will rent a van and drive there Tuesday night. I will go personally with a dear friend of mine to pick up the dogs. In collaboration with [www.galgos112.com](http://www.galgos112.com), the shelter in Villena and our foster families, we will fetch all of them and bring them to the different foster families. Thanks to your donation we will finance the transport and part of the castration of the male dogs as we have a very kind collaborator-vet named JOSE who operates males for 40eur each and with the other donations we will be able to pay for the tests and other vet care.

We will keep you all informed during our journey as I'm taking along with my laptop and digicam.

**YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL! Thanks so much for helping**

**With friendly barks from Spain**

**Mo Swatek**

**Founder, PRO-GALGO INTERNATIONAL**

**[www.pro-galgo.com](http://www.pro-galgo.com)**



## ***NO A LA MANTANZA DE GALGOS .....DON'T KILL GALGOS***

G R I N members donated banners to several of the largest galgo rescue organizations, including (above) Amigos de los Galgos. The banners are used in demonstrations and at tabling events and send a clear message to the public....

**Galgos housed at a substandard shelter**

**GRIN contributed funds to help the  
galgos at the Pedro Munoz shelter**



## **Massive Delivery of Supplies to Seven Spanish Shelters**

**Sunday, 02 November 2008**

On October 8, 2008, the Galgo Rescue International Network sent a shipment of nearly 200 pounds of medical and practical supplies to seven galgo welfare organizations in Spain. The shipment included antibiotics and other medications, suture, syringes, wound care supplies, bandage supplies, leashes, collars, ophthalmic and otic medications, anti-inflammatory medications, and literally hundreds and hundreds of doses of flea/tick/heartworm preventative medications. The supplies were transported by volunteers Debbie Gega and Chris Mosey of Ohio. The seven recipient shelters were: Scooby, Arca Sevilla, Refuge San Anton, Recal Extremadura, Pro-Galgo, PAWS/PATAS, and Sofia El Refugio Escuela. Please click the "read more" link to read how all of this happened! We owe this success to our donors and supporters, without whom none of this would have been possible!





**Donated supplies en route to Scooby Refuge**

# **Letter from Mada at the rescue shelter, RECAL EXTRAMADURA, thanking a GRIN board member for much-needed donated medical supplies.**

Hello Again Telma,

You do not imagine how it was when I opened the package. It has been incredible. So many things they are all so useful for us. You have thought of everything that I asked, Alopurinol for leishmania, antibiotics, eye care and artificial tears, there are things that I did not even know existed like the little towels of alcohol to be used once for wounds. Also incredible to receive the IVERMECTICINA, you do not imagine the good that it is for us to treat babesia, filarial and erlichia. Also many of the medicines are exclusive for dogs, they come in a attractive format for them, chewable, that they will eat willingly, that way we will not have to pinch them with what hurts, above all else IVERMECTICINA, that hurts so much and we suffer with them.

Everything, all is so appreciated, the sutures, the bandages, the iodine, the deparisitic pills, the collars everything..

Incredible Telma!! I got very emotional taking all the things out of the box.

You cannot believe the amount of money that we will save in medications. Now that the cold and winter begins and the dogs get sicker we have supplies which will help us confront .

I will not get tired thanking you because it has reached my soul.  
Please forward my gratitude to all your co workers.  
Receive a very, very strong hug.

Mada

RECAL EXTREMADURA

From Mada Sanguino of Recal Extremadura



**A volunteer at Scooby Refuge gets acquainted with a sweet galga.**



Some of the residents at Scooby Refuge, November 2008. Spain can get bitter cold in the fall and winter, and galgos do not fare well in the cold.



This little galga gets some relief from the cold in November, thanks to a Scooby volunteer.



GRIN has brought to the USA a small number of galgos and other dogs in need from Spain.

It is hoped that these dogs will act as "AMBASSADOGS" to help promote the breed as "pets," spread the word about conditions for dogs in Spain, and spur action and much needed donations.





The dogs from Spain have just arrived at Denver International Airport – the moment is filled with excitement....



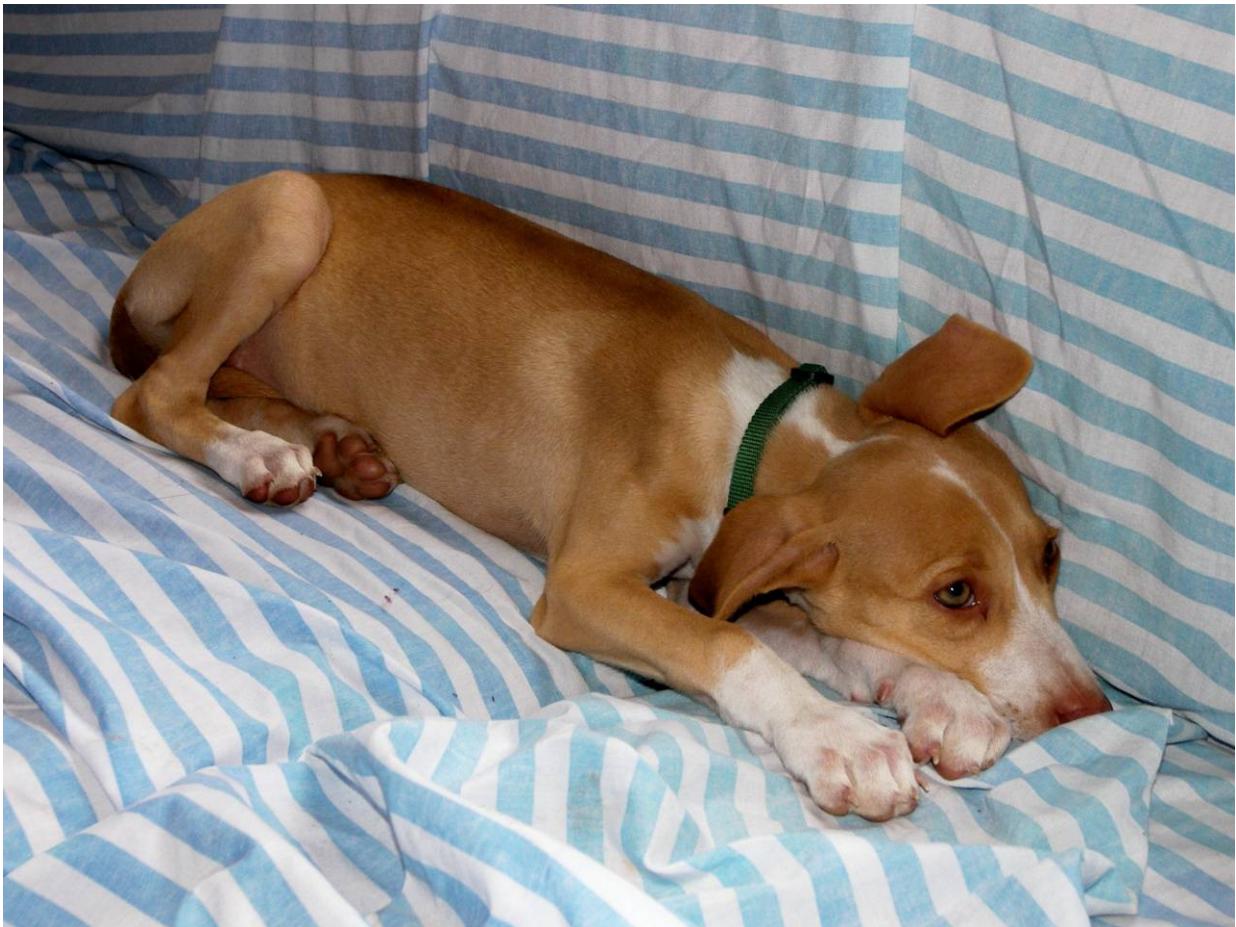
An assortment of dogs recently arrived from Spain, at the Denver International Airport (April 2008).



**From the depths of a well to a “Mile High.”** This galga, along with 4 other galgos, was thrown down a well in the Spanish countryside in January 2005. Miraculously, a passing driver heard them barking and contacted Scooby Refuge who arranged their rescue. Prisa now lives in Denver and her hobbies include squirrel patrol and hiking.



What can be cuter than a podenco puppy,  
just arrived in Colorado from Spain?



Pint-sized Pinta, an adorable  
Podenco puppy, rescued in  
Spain and now an American  
citizen.



Olive arriving at Denver International Airport with her travelling companion, Chuck, and meeting her new human family for the first time.



Ramon, a galgo mix, is now living  
in Denver and accompanies his  
person to work!



Although GRIN concentrates on rescuing galgos, sighthounds and hunting dogs in Spain, occasionally we cannot turn away a hard-luck case . This little terrier mix from a Spanish shelter is now this boy's close friend, in Florida!



From pariah, cast off by the galgueros,  
to someone's treasured family  
member....galgos readily make the  
transition to home life.....

This boy now lives in Florida.



Kala is a very well traveled hound. She was rescued by Scooby Refuge, then flown to Denver, driven to Utah where she was then met by the good people of Chinook Winds greyhound rescue...she's now a Canadian girl!



Lexi, rescued in southern Spain after being intentionally hit by a truck while a stray. She came to Denver to be fostered and never left!



*Galgos enter your home and  
act like they always lived a life  
of luxury!*



A lucky galga dreaming of  
her new life as a beloved  
companion.....The life every  
galgo deserves.....