

how you can help

- M**Monetary donations help offset expenses such as food and medical care. Donations can be made via Paypal on the Scooby website.
- M**Donate gently used collars and coats to keep the Galgos warm during the winter months or make coats for the dogs. Contact Scooby for a pattern.
- M**Virtually adopt a Scooby dog, cat or farm animal. Visit the virtual adoption page on the Scooby website.
- M**Sponsor one of our wooden dog houses.
- M**Spread the word about Scooby and the Galgos and educate people about adoption & responsible pet ownership.
- M**Volunteer at the Scooby shelter.
- M**Please contact Scooby if you have any questions on how you can help us and the Galgos.



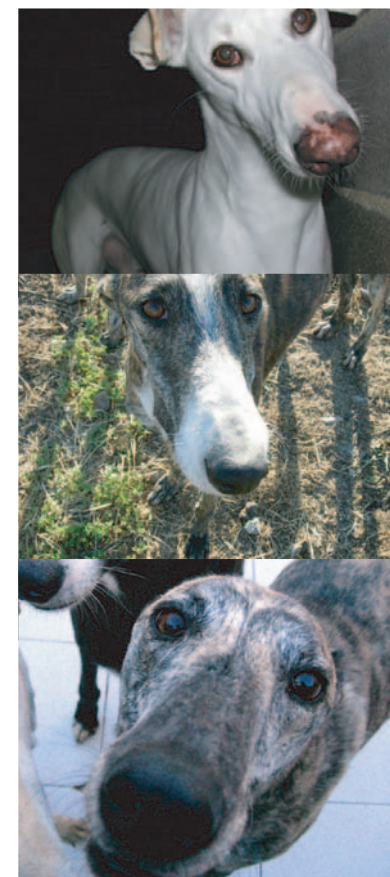
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All creatures on earth feel like we feel, endeavor for happiness like we do. They love, suffer and die like we do. All beings in distress have equal rights for protection.

Not to cause our humble brothers pain is our commitment to the animals. But to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission to serve them whenever they need us.

~ St. Francis

the history of scooby

The history of Scooby goes back to 1997 with a few rescued dogs, in an old warehouse without electricity, heat or water. A few years later, with the help of international donations & support, Scooby purchased 23 acres in Medina del Campo, Spain, to build what is now the current Scooby shelter. It is the leading association in Spain dealing with the rescue of the Galgo ~ the Spanish Greyhound.

It is important to note that Scooby receives no financial help from the Spanish government. The shelter runs on generous donations from foreign countries & volunteers from all over the world.

Today, the growing shelter consists of 12 free-range paddocks, each with an outdoor & indoor sleeping area, equipped with heating & running water. There are also 13 quarantine kennels for dogs awaiting castration, new arrivals and timid or injured dogs that need recovery time. On average there are 300 to 500 dogs at Scooby, with the peak being in February.

Scooby rescues all breeds of dogs and cats, however, the main focus is the Galgo.



the problem in spain

Galgos are mainly used for hunting or coursing. During the hunting season (October to January), many live in dark sheds, in excess of 10 dogs, spending most of their days confined and neglected. When the season is over, Galgueros (hunters owning Galgos) discard of unwanted or “useless” Galgos, many only 2 – 3 years old, by means inconceivable to most of us.

The excessive, uncontrolled breeding & mass abandoning at the end of the hunting season, leaves a massive population of dogs that will never have the chance to find a home.

Some Galgos end up in associations like Scooby where they at least have a chance of a future. Others end up in pounds where most of them are put to sleep by lethal injection.

The even less fortunate get killed on the roads or shot to death. Many others are thrown into wells, burned, drowned or traditionally hanged – the hanging of the Galgos continues in Spain in spite of the many campaigns. It is estimated that more than 30,000 Galgos are killed every year.



Left: One of the eight Galgos rescued from a well in January 2005.

In January 2005, Scooby rescued 8 Galgos from wells. Another Galgo was fortunate enough to escape death and was found running in the streets with a rope still attached to her neck. Unfortunately, 6 others were not as lucky and were found hanged and disposed of in a trash pile.

Despite their past, many of these dogs still trust people. Their calm and loving nature, similar to their North American cousin - the Greyhound - allows them to settle into a new environment, welcoming their new life. Unfortunately, there are also those that still wince at the sight of a human. Thankfully for them, they are at Scooby where they will never again feel neglected.



“At times I look across from paddock to paddock and I see dogs sleeping in the sun, rolling on their backs and quietly playing with each other. And the whole time, I hear not a sound. They are safe.”

~ The Scooby Experience, Eva Andrews