

RESCUE ORGANISATIONS SAVING GREYHOUND LIVES ACROSS THE WORLD



Greyhound Rescue West of England (Registered Charity Number: 1056676). GRWE works for the rescue and rehabilitation of abused and abandoned greyhounds. They have a group of experienced volunteers who support the rescue and re-homing process, as well as organising events to raise awareness and funds. They have no paid employees and do not own any kennels.

GRWE receives no financial support from the greyhound racing authorities towards the welfare of the very dogs that underpin this whole industry. They rely totally on the support of the public to pay the cost of caring for the dogs. The major expenses are the hire of kennel space, and veterinary fees.

At any one time they are caring for between 40 and 60 dogs. Last year around they rehomed 500 dogs into suitable loving homes. For an entirely voluntary organisation this is a remarkable achievement.



Spain - Scooby is an organisation dedicated to the protection of greyhounds and other animals open for over 10 years. Located in a small town called Medina del Campo in the heart of Spain.

Currently they have more than 500 rescued greyhounds in their kennels. When an animal enters Scooby, they first get rid of external and internal parasites, vaccinate them against Distemper, Kennel Cough, Parvo and other illnesses. Scooby in collaboration with associations from other countries has opened adoption programs in Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, England, France and ultimately in the United States.

In Spain, Scooby is known as the protector of the Galgos. They receive calls continuously from different areas of Spain, asking for help to pick up Galgos. At the moment in Spain they are the only hope these dogs have. The dogs are collected mainly from hunters when the hunting season is over but other times they collect strayed greyhounds that have been abandoned. Unfortunately, the conditions in which some of the dogs arrive are so deplorable that even after much effort, there is no hope of recovery and euthanasia is the only option.

This is a Spanish problem that needs to be resolved in Spain, however, there is no doubt these dogs need the biggest collaboration possible and without international help, the situation will never change.



Ireland - Avalon, the first Sanctuary for Greyhounds in Ireland, Avalon was the mythological name of an island sanctuary for wounded and persecuted creatures. "All weapons fail at the gates of Avalon - a place of healing and peace." Everything is done to make the sanctuary live up to its name and justify its deep meaning.

The aim from the very beginning was to build a Greyhound sanctuary in Ireland as a symbol of mercy and justice that would help at least some of the losers after almost a century of ruthless exploitation.

Ireland is the world's greatest exporter of Greyhounds, mostly to the USA, Great Britain and Spain. The martyrdom of these lovely animals in Spain is indescribable.

They nurse the dogs back to health and send them to good homes in Germany. Most of the greyhounds they rescue live as pets, companions and friends with German families.

Even today, it is almost impossible to find a good loving home for a Greyhound in Ireland - they are mostly kept in miserable kennels and no Greyhound is ever allowed to step into its master's house. Hopefully through the example of Avalon, Greyhounds will have the chance of adoption in Ireland.



- If you wish to adopt or foster a greyhound from any of these organisations please contact us for further details.
- If you wish to give a donation to aid the huge expense that comes with the maintenance of the dogs please contact us for further details.

