

## *A Greyhound Remembered*

The greyhound is one of the most ancient breeds of dogs, mentioned in the bible, in the texts of Cervantes and Shakespeare, and most beautifully of all, by Flavius Arrianus in the first century A.D.

### *"A Greyhound Remembered"*

*"She is moreover, most gentle, kindly affectioned and never before had I a dog with such regard for myself. When I am at home she remains close by my side, accompanies me on going abroad, follows me to the gymnasium, and when I am exercising myself, sits down near me. At meals she pats me with one foot and then the other, to remind me she is to have her share of food.*

*Nothing is so helpful as a soft, warm bed, it is best if they can sleep with a person, because it makes them more human because they rejoice in the companionship of human beings"*

### The Plight of Greyhounds in the 21st Century

Greyhounds have been used for millenniums for coursing: two competing dogs chasing a hare, giving thrills to their owners. Coursing and hunting for the pot with greyhounds proliferates today mostly in Spain where nearly every rural man owns a number of greyhounds (galgos) who are discarded in their thousands at the end of the four month hunting season in Spain.

In the 1920's, oval track racing began and proliferated particularly in the USA, Ireland, UK, Australia and Spain, providing entertainment for the urban working man and bringing about the demise of the greyhound with massive increases in breeding (in Ireland, 24,000 per annum even now), short racing careers of two years because the small circumference of the tracks causes injuries, followed by serious welfare problems of mistreatment and refuges filling up with unwanted greyhounds.

*We remember.....*

*The 2000 greyhounds found buried in Alabama shot and mutilated in 2002*

*We remember.....*

*The 450 Irish bitches from the closed Valencia track lost to hunters and breeders in Spain in 1996*

*We remember....*

*The 100 Irish bitches from the closed Pabellon track given out to hunters and galgueros in Spain in 1999*

*We remember.....*

*The 100 Irish greyhounds transported from Naples track to Sicily to hunt the wild boar in 1999*

*We remember.....*

*The 70 bitches euthanased in Mallorca before we got there, due to deliberate diversion tactics in 1999*

*We remember .....*

*The tens of thousands of Spanish greyhounds and galgos suffering gross mistreatment and brutal killing every year in Spain at the end of the hunting season.*

*We remember...*

*These and the many thousands of others we could not and will not be able to reach, we ask you please to remember them, to publicise their cause and to fight for a better deal for greyhounds everywhere.*



*Firoy, an Irish greyhound here in Mallorca, Spain, in 1999, was found in this condition with four old untreated fractures of her legs.*

*We took her to Switzerland where she was homed and lived happily for just a year.*

*"Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to a man.  
Just as one wants happiness and fears pain,  
just as one wants to live and not die,  
so do other creatures."*

His Holiness the Dalai Lama