What if?



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and one puppy
is adopted by a family as a pet.
How do you think their lives will be
different?

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This presentation visually compares the lives of working and pet galgos to demonstrate the stark contrast of their lives.

Children will:

- See the difference between the life of a working galgo and a pet galgo
- Explore how each galgo feels in each scenario
- Begin to personally explore how the differences make them feel

Each slide has a brief guide with questions to ask children to prompt discussion and comparison.

Slide 1



We start with one litter of puppies.
One puppy will go and live with a hunter. Another puppy will be adopted by a family as a pet.

Q: Ask children whether they think the puppies lives will be different?

Slide 2



Ask children:

- What are the galgos doing in each picture?
- How do they think the galgos feel?
- If they were a galgo which picture would they choose to be in? Can they explain why?

Slide 3



Ask children:

- To describe what they see in each picture.
- Which home would they choose?
- How do they think the galgos feel in each picture?

Slide 4



Ask children:

- If they were a galgo where would they choose to sleep?
- Can they explain why?

Slide 5



Ask children:

- Why does the pet galgo not look worried about the cats being near his food? (Because he is well fed, and knows that more food will come).
- Why is the hunting galgo so thin?

Slide 6



Ask children:

- What does a hunting galgo do?
- What does a pet galgo do?
- Which galgo would they prefer to be? Why?

Slide 7



Some children may be shocked by the picture on the left.

Ask children:

- Why do you think the galgos are treated so differently?

Slide 8



Ask children to describe what they see.

What has happened to the working galgo?

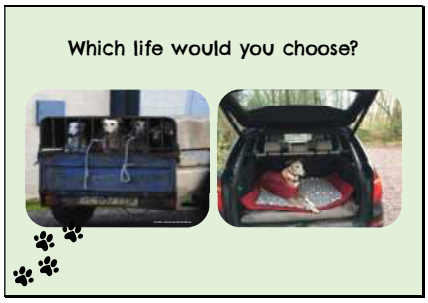
Moderate the discussion based on the age of your children – explain:

- Working galgos are not usually old when they are no longer wanted.
- Galgos are often abandoned at the end of their 'useful' hunting life.
- Many are killed, even though they may only be 2 or 3 years old.
- Sometimes galgueros will take their unwanted galgos to rescue shelters.

What has happened to the pet galgo?

- A pet galgo can live for up to 15 years.
- Pet galgos get to live out their lives with owners that love and care for them – even when they are old and sleep all day!!

Slide 9



Ask children which life they would choose with a show of hands*.

- MOST children will choose to be a pet galgo.
- Ask children why they made this choice and write their reasons on the wall/board.

* For some children this may be a difficult question to answer and some may feel that they have to choose the working galgo's life. If this situation does arise, you can redirect the discussion to which life YOU would choose and why.

Reflective plenary activities:

- Design a poster about why galgos make good pets. Download the 'Galgos make great pets' information leaflet.
- Write a short story about a day in the life of a pet galgo / working galgo.
- Do some fun galgo themed activities – you can download word searches, puzzles, colouring and more.

Extension activities:

- 'What do animals need' lesson plan
- 'Niko's story' – helps develop the use of expressive English and encourages empathy.

All resources are available to download from
education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/teaching-resources/