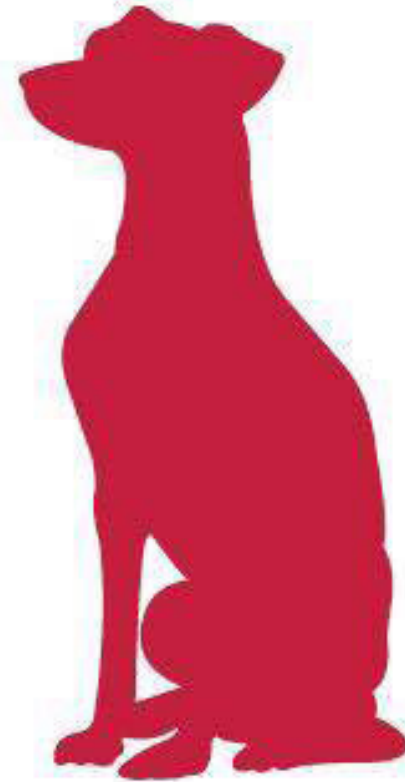




The average life expectancy of a Galgo living with a hunter in Spain, is only 2 – 4 years old. If the Galgo is not a good hunter, becomes injured, or shames his owner, the galgo will be sacrificed. The true life expectancy of a Galgo is 12 –14 years old.

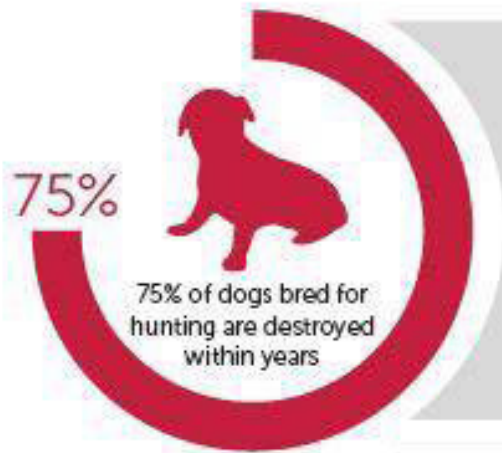


Age (years)



SURVIVAL RATE OF GALGOS IN SPAIN

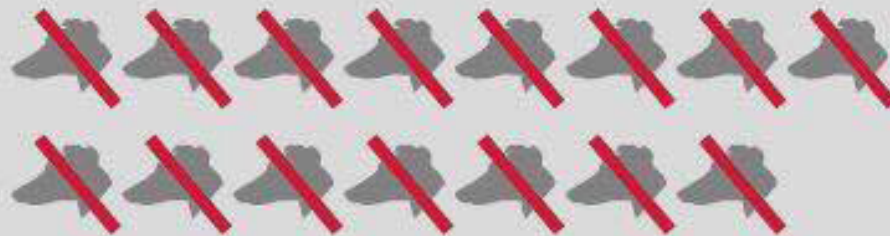
At the start of each training season a hunter will have bred a pack of 20 Galgos. At the end of each hunting season, those that did not perform well are tortured and killed and only 5 dogs will remain. It is believed that the longer the dogs suffer, the more prosperous the following hunting season will be.



Beginning of the Hunting Season



End of Hunting Season: 15 Killed



5 Survive





**THEIR
STAGGERING
DEATH RATE**

An estimated 45,000 Galgos are killed each year. It is impossible to gather exact death statistics on this secretive practice, but the evidence of it is easy to find in the rural areas of Spain where hare coursing with Galgos is most common.



Each  Represents 1,000 Dogs



In the 12 Century Galgos were considered noble animals, and only persons of nobility could possess them. Hunting with hounds was the prerogative of the aristocracy, especially the Royal Families. The Galgo was held in great esteem and if one was stolen, the thief paid with his life.





Many Galgos are forced to run at 35MPH for 20 miles behind a truck multiple times per week during training season. Although outlawed, the practice is still common and the law is rarely enforced.





INSTRUMENTS OF TORTURE AND MURDER

Galgos are killed by being hanged, starved through use of metal rods, buried alive & beaten with rocks.



NOOSE

Used to hang Galgos, sometimes with their feet barely touching the ground so they suffer longer



METAL POLE

Inserted vertically into the mouth to prevent the Galgo from eating & breathing properly



ROPE TIED AROUND ROCK

Used to beat the Galgo until death



WELL

Dropped into wells, the Galgos are left there without food to starve and die



TRASHBAG

Galgos are stuffed into trashbags and buried alive in rural areas



THE SHELTERS IN SPAIN

There are a handful of Spanish shelters dedicated to saving the Galgos and other unwanted animals of Spain. Although more and more galgueros are willing to give their unwanted dogs to the shelters, the abuse and torture of Galgos continues. Organizations like Baas Galgo, Fundacion Benjamin Mehnert, SOS Galgos and Scooby are dedicated to the welfare of the Spanish Galgo and sighthounds in Spain





A Galgo can be disqualified if they behave in an irregular manner during the race. Thus, a Galgo that does not make a maximum effort to stay on the exact path of the hare and runs a shorter trajectory will receive penalty points and will not win. When this happens the Spanish say that the dog is "dirty".

CORRECT PATH



SHORTER TRAJECTORY

