



# Rosa's Puppies



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# Teacher's Guidance



## Welcome to our Rosa's Puppies activity.

This activity has been created to help show children the impact of allowing a galga to have puppies, and explores the concept of neutering.

The activity is designed to be used as a slideshow presentation, to engage the children visually with the activity. You can use the PDF version at the end of this guidance or download the PowerPoint presentation version.

The PowerPoint slides are accompanied by discussion points and activities in the notes section. These are also provided on the following pages beneath the relevant slides to assist you in your delivery.

If you require further support to deliver this activity, get in touch.  
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## Slide 2

**🐾 This is Rosa. She is a galga.**


Rosa has not had a happy life.

She was kept longer by her owner for hunting and for breeding more galgo puppies. She was found barely alive, abandoned by the side of the road.

She was taken to a rescue shelter where the volunteers treated her wounds and nursed her until she was much better.

The people from the shelter think she has had at least three litters of puppies. (But it could be a lot more!)

That means that in her short life, she has given birth to at least 24 puppies.



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## Download

You can download the full description of Rosa's life in 'Meet the galgos' from [www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk](http://www.education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk)

**(Spanish)** <https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Conoce-a-los-galgos.pdf>

**(English)** <https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Meet-the-Galgos.pdf>

## Slide 3

**🐾 How many puppies can a galga have?**

- 🐾 Galgas can have two litters of puppies every year.
- 🐾 There can be as many as eight puppies in every litter.
- 🐾 That means that ONE galga could have **16** puppies every year.

**If Rosa gave birth to two litters every year until she was six years old, how many puppies will she have had?**

1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years
					
					

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### Activity: Let's do some maths

Younger children can count the number of puppies shown, and older children can use their addition and multiplication skills. We assume that in each litter there are four boys and four girl puppies.

You can give pupils a copy of this page and the worksheet provided on slide 4, to work in pairs or groups to complete OR work together as a class.

1. How many puppies were born in each year? (16)
2. How many boy puppies were born in 1 year? (8)
3. How many puppies were born in 2 years? (32)
4. How many girl puppies were born in 3 years? (24)
5. How many boy puppies were born in 4 years? (32)
6. How many puppies were born in 5 years? (80)
7. How many girl puppies were born in 6 years? (48)
8. How many boy puppies were born in 6 years? (48)
9. How many puppies were born in six years? (96)
10. How many puppies would Rosa have in 8 years? (128)

## Slide 4

 **How many puppies can a galga have?**

Worksheet

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10. How many puppies would Rosa have in 8 years?



## Worksheet

Print out copies of this slide for pupils to complete the activity on slide 3.

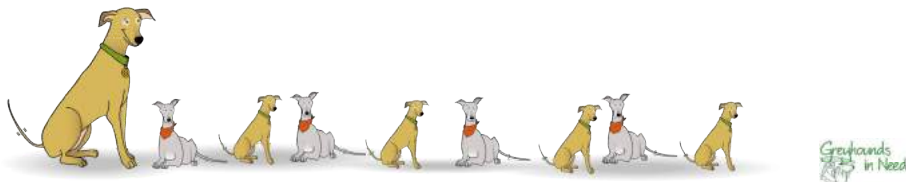
Children can use the empty table to help work out their answers either by drawing or writing.

## Slide 5

**🐾 Is it responsible to allow dogs to have puppies?**

If you had a dog that had a litter of puppies – what would you do with all of them?

- 🐾 Would you be able to keep them all?
- 🐾 Would you be able to find them all homes?
- 🐾 What happens if you cannot find them homes?



### Activity: Discuss

**Ask the children to share their thoughts about what would happen if they had a dog that gave birth to puppies.**

1. Would they be able to sell the puppies? Maybe, but what happens if they cannot sell them all?
2. Would they be able to give the puppies away? Maybe, but what happens if nobody wants them?
3. Who is going to pay to care for all these puppies? They will need food and veterinary care to be happy and healthy.
4. What happens if you cannot sell them / give them away / afford to keep them?

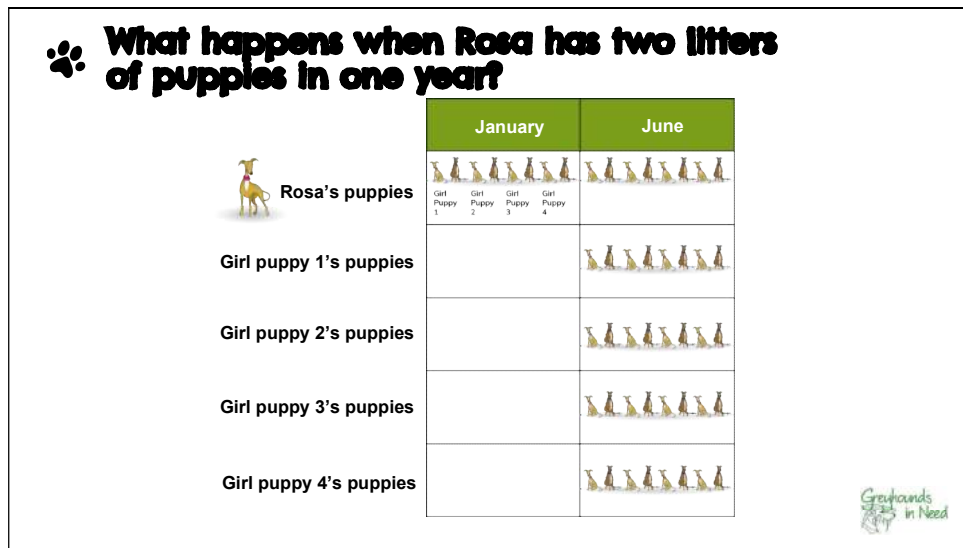
**Explain that often people abandon the puppies and this is how we end up with stray dogs living on our streets.**

Why is that a bad thing?

You can choose to explore why stray dogs are a bad thing based on children's age and understanding e.g.

- They have no-one to care for them
- They will be hungry
- They will be cold
- They will get ill
- It is dangerous for them
- Sometimes it is dangerous for humans.

## Slide 6



### Activity: See the impact

This activity is designed to help children begin to understand the impact of letting just one dog have puppies.

We assume that in each litter there are four boys and four girl puppies and that the girl puppies will have their first litter at six months old.

### Explain the diagram as follows:

In January Rosa gives birth to a litter of 8 puppies (4 boys and 4 girls)

In June Rosa has a second litter of 8 puppies (4 boys and 4 girls)

AND the girl puppies from her January litter also have a litter of puppies each:

Girl puppy 1      (4 boys and 4 girls)

Girl puppy 2      (4 boys and 4 girls)

Girl puppy 3      (4 boys and 4 girls)

Girl puppy 4      (4 boys and 4 girls)


### How many puppies were born in ONE year?

### Challenge


Can older children work out how many puppies could be born in 2 or 3 years? (Creating a diagram like this one might help).

Remember, Rosa will have two litters every year, AND as soon as they are six months old, each of her girl puppies AND their girl puppies will have two litters every year as well.

## Slide 7

** Find Rosa!**

Can you spot Rosa amongst all the puppies born in one year?



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### Activity: A bit of fun

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## Slide 8

**What happens if we don't stop dogs having puppies?**


Every year animal shelters are full of thousands of unwanted galgos and other types of dogs.

These puppies and dogs are abandoned because they are no longer useful or wanted.

Who is going to take care of them?

Rescue shelters do what they can, but finding THOUSANDS of unwanted dogs a new home is very hard.

**What can we do about it?**



### **Suggested activity: Creative writing**

Imagine having hundreds or thousands of puppies born every year that are unwanted and have nobody to care for them. Many of these puppies end up living on the streets, having to look after themselves. They have nowhere warm to live, and no one to feed them or love them.

What do you think their life must be like?

#### **Ask children to describe how the puppies might feel?**

- Write the words the children use to describe feelings on a wall/board for children to see.
- Using these words, can children write a poem or a short story about the life of an abandoned puppy?

#### **Do the children have any ideas about what we can do to help solve the problem?**

- They could create posters or leaflets to help raise awareness of the problem.
- Download our resource to learn more about the work done by rescue shelters:


**(Spanish)** <https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/GIN-Refugios-de-rescate-de-animals.pdf>


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## Slide 9

**🐾 Neutering / Spaying**

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A vet operates, while the dog is asleep. Apart from feeling a bit sore and needing some time to rest and heal the dogs will soon be back to normal.

**Neutering is responsible and kind.**

It prevents unwanted puppies being born, which means:

-  fewer puppies will be abandoned
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## Guidance

Neutering can be an awkward subject and children may have different levels of understanding.

We have provided a simple explanation, but some children may know exactly what the operation involves.

## Slide 10


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Rosa



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### Discussion activity

**Ask children:** What do you think happened to Rosa's 24 puppies?

### Follow up activity – Make a pledge

Children can make a pledge to help us change the lives of galgos by joining #teamgalgo

<https://education.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/team-galgo/>

All it takes is a photo and a pledge to make a difference! What will they do?



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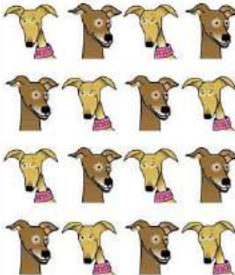
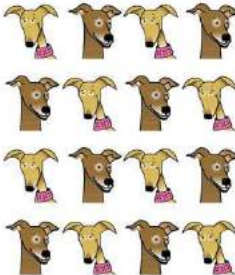
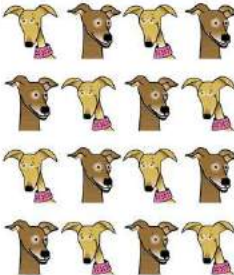
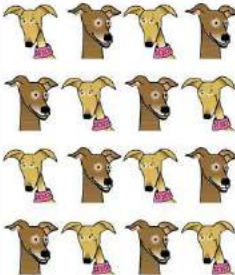

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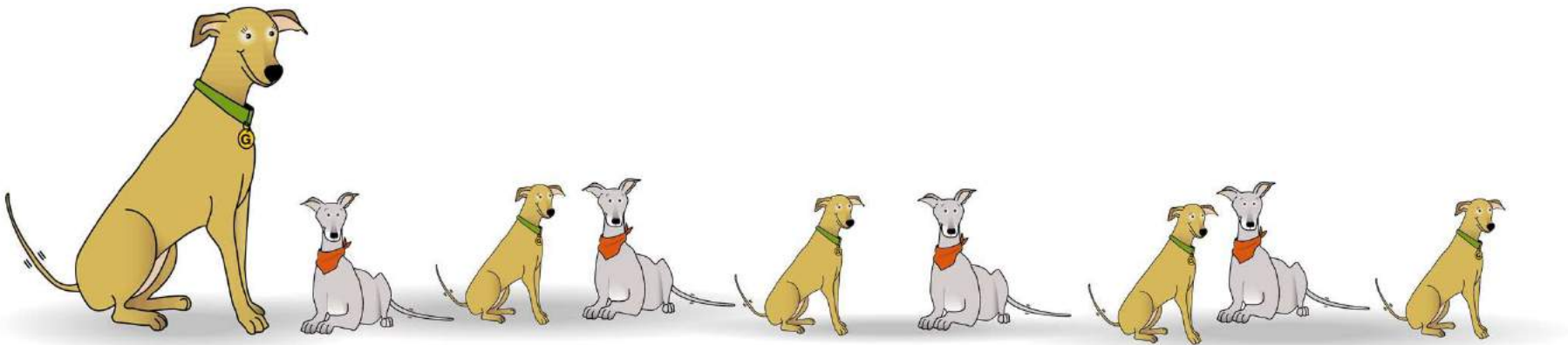




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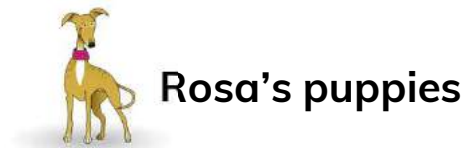
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Rosa's puppies

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Girl puppy 2's puppies

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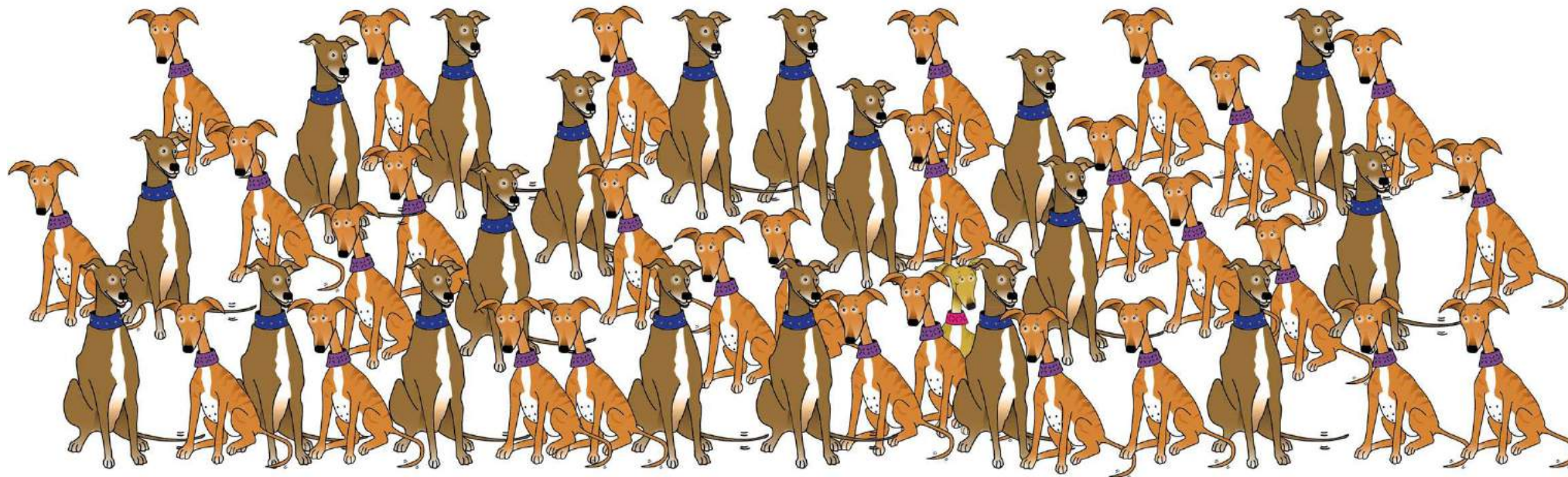
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January	June
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