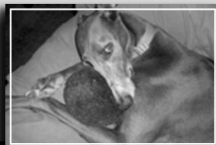




FOREVER HOME GREYHOUND ADOPTIONS



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WHEN YOU GET HOME

When you get your new dog home, always use common sense. Put yourself in your dog's place. Approach the situation from his point of view. Give him time to adjust to his new found life. **THE MORE TIME YOU SPEND WITH YOUR DOG DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS, THE EASIER THE TRANSITION AND THE BETTER THE BOND.**

Greyhounds bond to the people who take care of them. It is best to adopt when you are able to spend 3 or more consecutive days with him. This helps him adjust better. It can be very frightening for the dog to suddenly be left home alone. Remember, greyhounds are used to having lots of other dogs and people around them constantly at the track.

When you take your new dog home, walk him on a leash, and let him relieve himself completely before entering the house. If you have another dog at home, let the dogs walk together to do their business and get to know each other. Allow your present dog to enter the house first, followed by the greyhound. This will lay the groundwork for the pecking order to be established.

Your greyhound will be nervous in this "great big castle." He may pace a lot and will follow you from room to room. Place a piece of tape on mirrors, French doors, and glass doors to prevent him from trying to run through them. Remember, he has never seen something like this before, and may not realize that he can get hurt. Seeing his reflection will certainly perplex him! Give him necessary time to explore his surroundings. Place a blanket in his crate, and locate it in a quiet corner, but **NOT** away from the family. Don't make him be away from you, and **NEVER** put him in the basement, whether it be furnished, or not. He will eventually settle down. Be patient and reassuring, speaking in soft and soothing tones. A firm "NO" is all that will be needed for unacceptable behavior. Greyhounds are most sensitive, and intelligent dogs, who are very eager to please. He will learn very quickly with your understanding and consistency. You may try feeding him a small amount of food to make him feel welcome, but do not be concerned if he is not interested at first.

FURNITURE

Your greyhound will undoubtedly like the couch and might choose it over the crate or floor. If this is not your choice, tell him "NO" and show him the proper place to lie down. Never send a dog mixed messages

by allowing him on the couch once, or a few times, and then forbidding it in the future!!! Make your decision, and stick with it!

STAIRS

Some greyhounds will need a lesson with the stairs as this is most likely their first encounter. Assist him from behind when going up and in front when going down. Having two people to do this can be very helpful, but either way, remember to just move one leg at a time, and be PATIENT. Use a treat and DO NOT pull his collar. Within a few weeks he will do just fine.

GETTING USED TO THE NEW HOME

At first it is wise to limit your new pet to a few rooms (kitchen, living room, your bedroom at night). So much space at once is overwhelming, and could get confusing when it comes to housebreaking. Eventually, he should have access to the entire house.

WALKING YOUR GREYHOUND

Walk your dog every 2 to 3 hours during the first week. Watch for all the important signs that he needs to go out: pacing, whining, barking. All dogs are different, and will let you know when they have to "go out" in their own way. Eventually he will be on his individual schedule of 4 to 5 walks a day; upon getting up in the morning, a brief trip after his morning feeding, in the afternoon, after dinner, and before going to bed. If you have a COMPLETELY fenced in yard, consider yourself lucky, this will be much easier for you!!! (Trees, lakes and streams do not count as fences.) When walking, you MUST leash your dog. YOU CANNOT PUT HIM ON A RUN OR STAKE CHAIN... HE COULD SEVERELY INJURE HIMSELF, OR EVEN GET KILLED!!! WE CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH! Please do not take a chance with this precious life!

This information is designed to provide valuable information about caring for your Greyhound. Questions and concerns may be directed to either Paula 518-261-7025 or Martha 518-883-5554. Remember be kind and be patient and you will discover a joy beyond belief as you watch your new Greyhound blossom and flourish under your loving guidance.