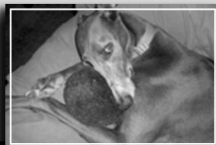




FOREVER HOME GREYHOUND ADOPTIONS



PROUDLY SERVING THE ENTIRE NORTHEAST REGION!

CRATING AND HOUSE TRAINING

Your dog should be encouraged to go into his crate for his own safety whenever you leave the house, or whenever you cannot supervise him. In the wild, dogs often seek solace in the comfort of a cave, and they often times do this in a home as well! Their crate is their cave to them, and it is important for your greyhound to have a place just for him.

Make sure he has his all-important, comfy blanket, water, and chew toys while crated. It is always good company for him if you leave the radio or TV on if he is crated with no one at home. Say "Goodbye" to him without fuss and leave. You should only leave him for short periods of time within the first few days; 1 hour, then 2 hours etc., until he has adjusted. Upon return, immediately take him outside and give him praise for doing his business. Eventually, over a period of time of proving himself, you can begin leaving him out of the crate for short periods of time. Do this until you have built him up to being left out for a regular work day.

If you notice a sudden break in house training, check for medical reasons, a change of routine, or family situation. After ruling out the above, go back to crate training, and it will usually be corrected within a day or two. At night, it is most important to allow our greyhound to sleep either with you, or near by in his crate. This makes him feel especially safe. If you choose not to let him into the bedroom, please keep him nearby to develop confidence using soft words of assurance. Another important thing to remember is, a dog may cry for the first night or two. This is normal, for he is nervous and confused. If you give into his demands, you are setting yourself up for some real trouble! Once he figures out that he will get what he wants when crying, and whining... he will use it to his advantage quite often. **DON'T DO IT** for your own sake!