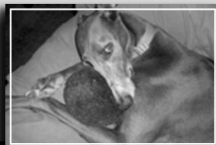




FOREVER HOME GREYHOUND ADOPTIONS



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## GREYHOUNDS AND KIDS

Some tips to creating a wonderful relationship between your grey and your child:

- ★ NEVER leave child and dog alone unsupervised
- ★ Reprimand the dog firmly (but NOT physically) immediately if it should ever growl at your child. Usually a good stern NO is all that is needed to get your point across to the gentle greyhound. Always find out what actions precipitated the growling and reprimand the child as well.
- ★ Let your child assist in the care of your greyhound. Even very young children can be taught to carry food bowls, give out treats, and take part in some of the grooming that your dog may require. If your dog knows any commands (sit, stay, etc.) teach your child to have the dog obey one of them before setting his dinner down or giving him a treat. In this way the greyhound will learn that children are above them in the pack structure and in the long run you will avoid conflict.
- ★ NEVER let a child under the age of 14 walk your greyhound. Retired racing greyhounds are big strong dogs who for their whole lives have been taught to chase anything that moves. They are not mindful of traffic or obstacles when they are in "chase" mode and not only might a younger child lose a grip on the leash, but they may even be pulled into danger. For everyone's safety - DON'T take that chance!!
- ★ Read to your children and talk to them prior to getting a greyhound. Many good books are available to teach children to be kind and respectful of animals and preparing a child and setting rules and limits prior to adoption can only have positive results.
- ★ Read Brian Kilcommons book *Childproofing Your Dog*. While not written specifically for greyhound adoption, it features many great tips for creating a positive relationship between your child and his/her dog. It is a fantastic book that should be a MUST READ for anyone with children and dogs.