



ARE YOU READY TO ADOPT A GREYHOUND?

We require all applicants to read, "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies". In addition, families with children 10 and under must read, "There's a Baby in the House". These books are available in our office and in our on-line gift shop. They may also be found in bookstores.

Before you make this long term commitment, have you considered the following.....

YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN

Your greyhound loves them and tolerates the activity well. But, be aware that when you mix kids and dogs, there is always a chance for a dog to bite. Even the best pet may bite if sick, injured, fallen on, startled, roughoused or being disturbed while eating or sleeping. Are you willing to teach your children to respect the greyhound's space and be a responsible part of the greyhound's life?

YOUR GREYHOUND JUST CAN'T GET USED TO BEING LEFT ALONE

Now your greyhound has scratched the doorframe, chewed on everything, or uses the house for a restroom while you are away. It may take several weeks for your greyhound to adjust to their new life and home. Are you willing to allow your greyhound time to adjust and to call our adoption liaison or your adoption counselor for advice?

YOUR BACKYARD IS SOMETHING OUT OF HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Whenever you let your greyhound out to potty or play, your dog starts running in circles, tearing up the grass or picks a spot to dig to China. Will this be a problem for you?

YOUR HOME ALSO LOOK LIKE A PICTURE IN HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Even though greyhounds do not shed as much as other breeds, they do shed. When it rains, your greyhound's feet will be wet, causing paw prints on your nice clean floors. If this is a concern to you, are you willing to teach your greyhound to let you wipe their paws at the door? Are you will to brush your greyhound to help reduce shedding?

YOU ARE ON A TIGHT BUDGET

At any time, at any age, you could be faced with unexpected medical bills that can become extremely expensive. Normal expenses include:

Quality food (\$35/ 40lb bag)

Heartworm preventative

Annual checkup and vaccinations

Grooming supplies

Flea preventatives

Treats, etc.

Do you have the finances to commit to a lifetime of care for your greyhound (an average lifespan of 13 years)?

YOU HAVE A BUSY LIFESTYLE

You are gone from home a lot. Your greyhound **MUST** be allowed to relieve themselves 4-5 times a day, and if you live in an apartment or town house, you **MUST** be willing to leash walk your greyhound a minimum of 4 or 5 times a day, regardless of weather. Will you be able to provide the companionship your greyhound desperately needs from you? Will your greyhound have to “hold” itself for hours until you come home?

YOUR LIFESTYLE CHANGES

You have a new baby or a new job, you get divorce or married, you move into a new home or apartment, you remodel, etc. Does your greyhound continue as a part of your family or are they “disposable”?

A retired racer brings much joy and happiness to a home for both humans and dogs. There're so many positive reasons to own a greyhound.....but, you must consider the *possible* negatives that *could* occur. It's only fair to both you and the retired racer waiting for their forever home. Is it yours?.....