

Bag of Tricks Suggestions from Greyhound Parents Around the World (Part 2)

Fleas and Ticks:

Lemon skin tonic (from Dr. Pitcairn's complete Guide to Natural Health for dogs & cats. This helps soothe skin and repels fleas):

Thinly slice a whole lemon, including the peel. Add it to a pint of near boiling water and let it steep overnight. The next day, sponge it on your dog and let it dry. The lemon is healing, and the d-limonene is flea-killing.

Use of human grade diatomaceous earth: for fleas/ticks/worms

Toe nails or Feet:

Peanut butter smeared inside a muzzle is a good distraction to trim nails.

Have someone sit in a chair and put the dog across their lap with their feet dangling (depending on the pup, of course).

Dremel: Let them smell the Dremel and hear it when turned on several times before ever touching a nail with it.

Use all the small fragments of treats, training treats or biscuits: when finished a nail or two, give them a treat. Eventually, you can do all the nails on a paw before they get a treat.

Dog booties: in size medium fit greyhound feet, and stay on - <https://dogbooties.com/> or

Dog socks: / anti slip: https://www.amazon.com/RC-Pet-Products-Charcoal-Heather/dp/B07B68TB53/ref=sr_1_39?keywords=dog%2Bsocks&qid=1566849745&s=gateway&sr=8-39&th=1

Pros of each: prevents dogs from slipping on wood floors or tile.

Cons of each: can come off, short term use for the situation.

Miscellaneous:

De-Skunking a dog: Do not let dog in the house!

- 1) 1 qt. hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda and 1 tsp Dawn.
- 2) Can use tomato puree (28 oz) first to break up heavy skunk oil, rub in and let sit on fur 5-10 minutes; then move on to peroxide solution.

See your hound in the dark (back yard):

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078W5SYLR/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o02_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Pros: Easy to use, slip on while the dog is outside; can see them even in the dark corners of your fenced in yard.

Cons: can fall off if not adjusted or could catch on something; for short term use while monitoring your dog.

Chewing or Stealing:

If hound takes something to chew that is off limits, give the "leave it" command, take it away and immediate substitute with an OK item (doggie toy). Put your valuables away - hounds will be hounds if you tempt them!

Safety in Car:

- 1) When hauling the hounds in the Greyt Limo, use those "S" shaped clips from home improvement stores and tie one on each end of a cord. Put one clip into the cargo hook in the back of the van and the other on the dog's collar. Cord is long enough that they can find a place to curl up or look out the window, but they can't get into the front seat. And, they will be tethered in case of an accident if a door opens or a window breaks.
- 2) If your dog is not crated in the back of vehicle, you can always bungee cord a baby gate across the back of the front seats to prevent them from trying to help drive.
- 3) Always keep a collar and tags on your pup. You never know when they might escape. **Microchip your pet** especially if hound is expert in losing collar and tags.

Emergency papers for your pets when traveling



Boredom: Frozen Kong, snuffle mats, or puzzle toys, always with supervision.



Snuffle mats



Puzzle toys

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