For more information about *GreySave* and greyhounds, please check out our website at

## www.greysave.org

At the *GreySave* website, you can:

- Learn more about GreySave and greyhounds,
- See photos of dogs that are currently or soon to be available for adoption,
- · Sign up to be on our mailing list,
- Fill out an adoption form,
- Find out what activities are planned, and,
- Much more!

Our website is currently our main method of communicating so check it often to stay informed of *GreySave* events!



# Greyhound Q & A

These are very brief answers to questions that are often asked – please talk to a volunteer or check the website for more in-depth answers on a variety of questions.

#### Do greyhounds need lots of exercise?

No. Greys sleep an average of 18 to 20 hours a day. Many greyhound owners train their dogs to go on long walks, runs or hikes, but like any athlete, they need to be physically conditioned for anything more than very short distances. Greyhounds are known as the "45 MPH couch potatoes" for good reason!

Greyhounds tend to be greyt apartment dogs. As long as they are taken out at reasonable intervals, many greyhounds love life in an apartment or condo. Greyhound adopters even report that their apartment neighbors are thrilled to hear a greyhound has moved in because greyhounds tend not to bark.

### Can I leave my greyhound out in the yard?

Absolutely not! Greyhounds are not outside pets. Greyhounds have only a single-layer coat so they are not as able to self-regulate their temperature as other breeds. For when you are out in the yard with your grey, GreySave recommends a 6-foot fence, but a 5-foot fence is sufficient for most greyhounds.

#### Are they good with children/small pets/cats?

An adult should always be present when a grey-hound or any dog is around young children. Most greyhounds are fine with kids, especially well-behaved older children, but some are not. GreySave does not recommend greyhounds for families with very young children.

Some greyhounds are absolutely fine with cats and small dogs, and others will see them as a tasty morsel just right for chasing. We have a number of foster homes with cats and small dogs, and we try our best to keep overly-"curious" dogs for homes without cats or small dogs.



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#### **WHY GREYHOUNDS?**

If you've never met a greyhound, you have a wonderful experience ahead of you. For thousands of years, greyhounds have always had a job to do – racing, hunting or coursing – and their breeding has been in the hands of professionals to make sure they are well-suited mentally and physically to the work they do.

As a consequence, we think that greyhounds have all the attributes of a perfect pet! They are gentle, loving and tolerant animals who bloom in the affection offered by a family of their own. Just like any breed, greyhounds have a variety of personalities, from outgoing and playful, to shy and reserved. Our dogs usually range from two to five years of age but occasionally we get puppies and older dogs.

We will work carefully with you to select the greyhound that is the best match for your family and lifestyle.

# GreySave

**WHAT WE DO:** Our *GreySave* goal is to find permanent and loving homes for greyhounds and to help spread the word about how wonderful greyhounds can be as pets.

**WHY WE DO IT:** GreySave is the result of a small group of greyhound lovers' desire to work together to do something "greyt" for greyhounds. It's all about the dogs!

**HOW WE DO IT:** GreySave is a completely volunteer-staffed non-profit, charitable 501(c)(3) organization; we have no paid or salaried positions. We support the group through fundraising events and donations/gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses. Our activities include greyhound adoptions, greyhound social events and get-togethers, "Meet and Greets" where the public can get to know greyhounds in person, and fundraising events.

*GreySave* works with race tracks, breeders and other greyhound adoption organizations to find greyhounds whose racing and/or breeding days are over or who no longer have someone to care for them.

**ADOPTING FROM GreySave**: We admit it — we are very particular about placing our greyhounds. First, you complete an adoption application. After the application is reviewed, a volunteer will meet with your family at your home to answer questions and evaluate whether a greyhound is the right dog for your family. Once approved, we will work with you to select the most compatible dog based on your situation. We are always happy to offer continued support and suggestions for integrating your greyhound into your "pack." We hope your greyhound family will become an active part of <code>GreySave's</code> family of volunteers.

WHEN IS A DOG READY FOR ADOPTION? After a thorough medical check on their first day with us, each dog goes home with a volunteer to begin making the critical transition from being a working dog to a beloved pet. While the dog learns about living in a home and being part of a human/canine pack, the volunteers carefully evaluate the dog so it can be successfully matched with the right adoptive home. The dogs are spayed or neutered during their time with their volunteer's family and receive a complete dental exam and cleaning. This transition process may last two or more weeks depending upon the dog. We feel strongly that this careful transition process is critical to the success of our adoptions