

FAQ: Fostering a Greyhound

Fostering a greyhound is a rewarding opportunity. Greyhounds need a transition home as they leave the track and recover from vetting before finding their forever home. It's hard to say goodbye, but being a temporary home for these amazing dogs will help so many more find their families. On average, you'll have the dog for 1-4 weeks. Dogs that have more restrictions may take longer to place (health problems or needing to be an only dog).

Fill out an application today: www.brga.org/foster-application

What you will be provided

- Collar and leash (must use 6 foot leash)
- Food for the foster greyhound
- Any necessary medications
- A crate (if desired, depending on availability)
- A coat for wintertime
- Medical bills will be paid by BRGA during the time you are fostering

What is expected of you as a foster family

- Care for the greyhound as if they are your own
- Make arrangements so your hound is allowed to go potty at least once every 5 hours
- Assess the dog's personality so your input can help the dog find the best home possible
- Make BRGA aware of any potential health or behavioral issues observed
- Do not create bad habits (do not allow them on furniture or bed or let them beg at the table)
- If you are interested in fostering to adopt, you must let BRGA know in the first 2 weeks whether you want to adopt
- Optional but not required: BRGA would love if you'd bring the foster to events and Meet and Greets to help introduce the dog to potential adopters. Also sharing the dog on social media to get attention of potential adopters.

What you will get out of this experience

- Unconditional love from a greyhound in transition
- Joy of knowing you helped a greyhound find their forever home

Greyhounds are Unique

- Greyhounds make great apartment dogs and only require a good walk or two per day.
- Greyhounds do not know stairs, you will have to teach them.
- Not all greyhounds are a good fit for families with cats or small dogs. Even greyhounds with low prey drive need to be introduced slowly to cats and small dogs. For foster dogs, we may not know if the hound has a low or high prey drive.
- They may NEVER be off leash in an unfenced area. They can reach 40 mph in 3 strides.
- They should NEVER be tied out and NEVER use a retractable leash. They need martingale collars because their head is smaller than their neck and regular collars will slip off.
- They should not have heavy exercise 1 hour before or after eating. Deep chested dogs can get bloat, a life threatening condition.
- They have slightly different blood values than other dogs due to their breeding for athleticism
- They do not have an undercoat. If you need a heavy jacket, they do too.