

VETERINARY CARE

- 1. Prior Treatments:** Generally, all greyhounds have been neutered/spayed, had their teeth cleaned, heartworm test, and have received routine vaccinations (DHLPP, Corona, and Rabies) and an initial worming before being adopted.
- 2. Anesthesia:** Do not be afraid to discuss anesthesia protocol for your greyhound with your veterinarian. If your vet has had minimal experience with greyhounds and anesthesia, provide your vet with information about your greyhound's sensitivity.
- 3. First Aid Kit**
 - Gauze Sponges (50) 4"x4"
 - Triple Antibiotic Ointment
 - Rubbing Alcohol
 - Ear Syringe (2 oz. capacity)
 - Ace Self-Adhering Athletic Bandage (3" width)
 - White Petroleum Jelly (Vaseline)
 - Eye Wash
 - Sterile, Non-Adherent Pads
 - Pepto Bismol Tablets
 - Generic Benadryl Capsules (25mg for allergies)
 - Hydrocortisone Acetate (1% cream)
 - Sterile Stretch Gauze Bandage (3" x 4 yds)
 - Buffered Aspirin
 - Dermicil Hypoallergenic Cloth Tape (1" x 10 yds)
 - Hydrogen Peroxide
 - Kaopectate Tablets (maximum strength)
 - Bandage Scissors
 - Custom Splints
 - Vet Wrap Bandage

Other suggested items:

Blanket, tweezers, muzzle, hemostats, rectal thermometer, ziplock bags & paperwork (health records, medications, poison control number, veterinary clinic contact & emergency clinic contact numbers.



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GREYHOUND RACING IN AMERICA –THE PETS

PART 1: GREYHOUNDS & KIDS



The Greyhound Racing Association of America is a nonprofit membership association founded to promote, protect, and enhance the sport of greyhound racing and the greyhound industry through education, example and media for the benefit of its members, fans, supporters and the greyhound racing dogs that make this great sport possible.



SAFETY FIRST!

GUIDELINES

Kids and dogs may present special problems to parents. Teaching the new greyhound his manners must go hand-in-hand with teaching the children their manners around a new pet.

Please keep in mind that you are dealing with a live, adult animal with all the accompanying instincts and needs. The greyhound is one of the most easygoing dog breeds, but it is a wise idea to review the following ideas and discuss them:

- **Greyhounds are not toys.** They deserve respect and responsible care.
- **Let sleeping dogs lie!** No living creature would enjoy being pounced on while sleeping or even resting in its bed. Call the dog's name before startling any sleeping dog. If the dog is sleeping, he needs his rest. When he's ready to play, he'll let you know.
- A greyhound needs a place of its own to rest undisturbed. A crate is an excellent choice.

- Small children often want to express their affection for the pet by hugging or clinging to the dog. This can be very threatening for the dog. Teach your children that this can be scary for the dog and encourage gentle stroking of the neck and shoulders or brushing and grooming instead.
- Tails are private things, not play things.
- It is important to reinforce to your dog the idea that children are part of the human coaching team, not littermates. Even though the child may be eye level, your dog must understand that the child is still a person and must respond accordingly. For this reason, we strongly recommend that your greyhound does not share your child's bed.
- Outdoor games with your greyhound should be closely supervised, especially initially and until both child and dog are fully trained.
- Children should not be allowed to walk the dog unsupervised. Greyhounds are usually excellent on lead, however, if the greyhound bounds after a squirrel, rabbit, or neighbor's cat, it may literally take your child to the ground or worse, get a way

from the child and be injured or lost.

- Instead of running and jumping with your new greyhound, have your child join you as you stand in place and happily encourage your dog to come to you, with each person taking a turn, and rewarding with a treat when the dog comes. This provides exercise for the dog and reminds him that all people are in control – large and small. (This might also help if the dog gets loose and is running in the neighborhood. He is more likely to come to you thinking he will be rewarded.)
- The main rule to keep in mind concerning children and dogs is easy – SAFETY FIRST. This applies to both the dog and the kids. Do not leave young children and dogs alone together. If you cannot supervise, crate your dog.

