



We have a list of the Greyhounds Ready now for their forever Homes on our website – come See them!

At any given time we have 30 to 50 Greyhounds available for adoption!

N.G.A. is the only Greyhound adoption kennel in Vermont!

### How can you help a Greyhound?

You can adopt one (or more!) of these wonderful animals.

If you can't adopt, we are always looking for people to take the dogs for walks at our site in St Albans – and we always could use help with the turn-outs, which are done four times daily.

You can volunteer your time at different meet-and-greet events; helping to set up, answer questions about Greyhounds, and help break down after the event is done.

You can put up flyers or brochures in your area, make crafts to sell thru our website to help raise funds for the dogs' care, donate blankets, toweling and cleaning supplies for the the kennel, help feed and let the dogs out for turn-outs at the kennel. Just call the kennel - or e-mail us - and let us know you'd like to help!

Give a donation or a gift of goods, we need cleaning supplies and detergents to clean the kennels and bedding, food, toys, and most especially blankets for bedding!

You can also make a financial gift, all donations go directly to helping the Greyhounds!

### Fun Facts:

The speed of a Greyhound around the track averages out to be about 40 mph, with the fastest speed being attained at the beginning of the race at about 50 mph!

Greyhounds can see clearly for the distance of about a half mile.

In 11th century England, the law forbade "commoners" from owning a Greyhound – they were for royalty only.

The mythical Greek goddess Diana is often pictured with a Greyhound by her side.

Greyhounds are the only canine mentioned in the Bible by name.

The name "Greyhound" is possibly derived from several different sources, with the "Grey" part of it from words meaning "fair, dawn, shining, bright"

The first circular track was opened in the U.S. in the 1920's.

For every 1 Greyhound registered with the AKC, 150 are registered with the National Greyhound Association.



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# NORTHERN GREYHOUND ADOPTIONS

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## Our Mission Statement:

Northern Greyhounds Adoptions is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to finding loving and responsible homes for retired racing Greyhounds. Northern Greyhound Adoptions is operated by volunteers and supported solely by donations. Northern Greyhound Adoptions places dogs in both the U.S. and Canada.



## Why Should You Adopt a Greyhound?

Greyhounds are a gentle breed of dog. They are affectionate, quiet and low-shedding. They tend to get along well with other pets and children of all ages. They rarely bark so they are not suitable for a watchdog. They do make excellent therapy dogs!

Many people think that Greyhounds need a lot of exercise, this is untrue. Because of what they are bred for - running short distance races - they are sprinters, not long distance runners. Yes, they do need playtime and on-leash walks, but not hours and hours of this; they would rather spend hours and hours sacked out on the couch!

Greyhounds generally stand between 26 and 29 inches tall and weigh between 50 and 80 pounds - females do tend to be smaller than the males. They come in many different colors - rarely "gray" which is actually called "blue", and in many combinations of those colors. Most ex-racers are between 2 and 4 years old when they retire and go into rescue.

Greyhounds are one of the world's wonders; they are loving with hearts of gold and spirits of the wind!

## Things to Think Seriously About Before You Adopt:

- When Greyhounds come off the track they have almost never been in a house so everything is new to them. Stairs, vacuums, large windows, food on counters, doorbells, small children running around, riding in the car, shiny or carpeted floors, and much more. You have to introduce these things slowly and give your new Greyhound family member time to adjust to different situations.
- One of the biggest things Greyhounds must learn is to be housetrained. They are kennel trained, which means at the race track they were in their kennels (crates) - then in the turn-out pen where they potty, or on the track to race - then right back into their kennels. You should have a good-sized crate for your Greyhound when they come home. Once the dog learns home is his new "kennel" training should go smoothly.
- Greyhounds do learn very quickly, be gentle yet firm and they will want to please you and will learn anything you want to teach them. Being a gentle and soft dog all you will ever need to do to correct them is a stern "No" - anything more would be too much.
- Greyhounds are sight hounds, which means if they see something possibly worth chasing their instincts will kick in and they WILL give chase. You cannot catch them as they can easily hit over 40 MPH in their first few strides. Because of this they need to be kept on lead or in a fenced-in area. NEVER "hitch out" your Greyhound; they have very delicate bones and if they ran to the end of the hitch at top speed they will definitely hurt - and possibly break - the bones in their neck.
- Greyhounds are indoor dogs ONLY, they absolutely cannot ever be kept as outside pets - no matter what season. They have very little hair and almost no body fat so they get cold very easily and can overheat as well. Warm coats are strongly advised for any extended time spent outside in the colder months.

## Donation Form

If you would like to mail in a donation, please mail in this form with your donation.

*Yes, I want to help retired racing Greyhounds find loving forever homes!*

*I am sending (please circle or fill in):*

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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