

Nittany Greyhounds is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness for retired racing greyhounds and placing greyhounds into responsible, loving homes.

We rely on the dedication and support of volunteers to help us carry out our mission.

We are 100% donation-based.

All proceeds go to awareness, education, adoption efforts, medical expenses, and transportation.



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Reasons to Adopt a Greyhound:

Most greyhounds are 2-5 years old when they retire from racing.

The greyhound's average lifespan is 12-15 years, so you can look forward to many years together after adoption.

With a short, sleek coat, greyhounds require minimal grooming and are sometimes a good match for people with allergies.

Greyhounds are quiet! Many greyhounds bark very little or not at all. Because of this, they can be great apartment dogs.

Have a favorite color? Greyhounds come in almost every color imaginable. There are 18 colors officially recognized by the National Greyhound Association, with many variations of each one.

Greyhounds have a very gentle nature and thrive in a home environment, even with children, other dogs, and cats.

Adoption Fees Includes:

- Spay or neutering
- Vaccinations and inoculations
- Medical records
- Martingale collar and leash
- Muzzle
- Coat

Frequently Asked Questions

Are greyhounds hyperactive and require a lot of exercise?

Greyhounds are bred to be sprinters, requiring little exercise compared to other dog breeds. They prefer to spend most of their time on a comfortable bed. A 20-minute walk once a day is usually enough if you do not have a fully enclosed area for them to run and play.

Can greyhounds be let off-leash?

No. A greyhound's instinct is to chase, and with their top speed of 45 MPH, they can be nearly impossible to catch and may not listen to commands during the excitement. They must always be in a fenced area when off-leash.

Why do greyhounds wear muzzles? Are they aggressive?

Generally, greyhounds are very gentle dogs. They wear muzzles as a precaution when racing to prevent accidental injuries from nipping due to the excitement of the chase. Often, families with more than one dog continue using a muzzle for the same reason.

Are greyhounds house trained?

Greyhounds are kennel trained, which means they keep their sleeping area clean and know to relieve themselves outside on a regimented schedule. Having never been in a house, they will need to be taught where it is acceptable to relieve themselves.

How can you help?

- Adopt a greyhound
- Foster a greyhound short-term
- Volunteer at events or our kennel
- Donate merchandise or financially

How big are greyhounds?

Greyhounds typically weigh between 50 and 80 lbs. and are between 27" and 30" tall at the shoulders. Some greyhounds can be larger or smaller. Females tend to be smaller than males.

How healthy are greyhounds?

Because greyhounds have been bred for performance, they are a generally healthy breed. They are not prone to hip dysplasia like many dogs their size. The most common problems seen are possibly arthritis in older dogs and periodontal disease.

