

## YOUR NEW GREYHOUND'S WISH LIST

**CLOTHING:** Martingale Collar & 6' Leash (supplied by GPA) including personal id tag with Dog's Name, Your Name, Your Address & Phone Number, GPA ID Tag, Rabies Tag & Municipal License. Greyhound Harness for certain greyhounds that enjoy walking on a harness. Dog coat for colder & windy weather! Please ask us about purchasing special greyhound supplies from GPA.

**FOOD:** Premium Dry Dog Food (Canidae, Nutro, Science Diet, Iams, Purina Pro Plan, Bil-Jac, Authority, Sam's Club "Exceed", etc...) We usually use Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice Formulas.

**TREATS:** Hollow Marrow Bone or "Kong" (Hollow Rubber Toy) to stuff with peanut butter/milk bone pieces. Give this yummy treat to your Greyhound ONLY when you leave the home and pick it up when you return home. It helps them adjust to your departures and lessens the separation anxiety they may feel! Large pressed rawhide chews. Buy ONLY brands processed in the USA. Avoid "knotted" rawhide bones if without supervision. Please do not give treats or chewies with Red Dye #40 which is in many lower quality "grocery brands" which Greyhounds cannot tolerate and can cause diarrhea, vomiting & allergic reactions. We suggest high quality Canidae Snacks, Bil-Jac Liver Treats, or Snacks/Bones made by Nutro, Iams, Science Diet, Pro Plan, Sam's Club Exceed, or "Milk Bones".

**TRAINING/CORRECTION:** Treats, Spray Water Bottle, Crushed Soda Can with Pennies Inside.

**TOYS:** Greyhounds especially love furry grunting or squeaky stuffed toys! Trader Joes, Kmart, & Walmart have good prices on toys. Inspect ALL toys for dangerous features they could chew off & swallow. Be especially cautious if a toy is not specifically for dogs removing eyes, nose, loose strings, etc.

**BEDDING:** At least one soft, comfortable bed such as a fleecy or fabric dog bed with sides, pillow type or an old, thick comforter. Greyhounds love to "Nest" and have a place of their own so they seem to prefer bed they can nestle into. Most of us have ended up having two resting places with beds: One for the bedroom and one for the family area. TIP: When purchasing beds, check Kmart & Walmart for good prices or the pet supply catalogs for good prices & a great selection of different types of beds.

**GROOMING:** Hound glove, soft brush, doggy toothbrush & toothpaste, nail clipper.

**CLEAN-UP:** Enzymatic solution such as "Simple Solution" or "Nature's Miracle" to clean up accidents. Plastic bags, Box of Disposable Gloves, Pooper Scooper.

**DOG DISHES:** 2 large dishes, one for water & one for food. Dishes should be elevated off the floor to avoid neck strain & bloat. They can be placed on a box or plant stand or elevated feeders can be purchased. Walmart & Target carry a sturdy plastic "Dog Zone" elevated double bowl feeder for about \$14.99 and a stainless version for about \$19.99.

**DOGGY DOOR:** Many Greyhound owners enjoy providing their dogs the freedom to relieve themselves at will. The greyhounds generally adjust more quickly into their new homes when they have a doggy door suffering fewer "accidents" inside and experiencing less separation anxiety. Ask your adoption rep about this option and the benefits and drawbacks. There ARE some risks associated with dog doors. Only use in a very secure, private yard with padlocked gates.

**KNOWLEDGE: & CARE:** Read the GPA literature & recommended books on Greyhounds to better understand your new companion & shower with huge doses of unconditional love, lots of patience & a generous number of hugs!