



Greyhound Pets of America

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USE IT OR LOSE IT

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In this case, the first "it" refers to a leash and the second "it" refers to your dog.

It saddens me to say that, despite all our efforts to inform prospective Greyhound adopters of the absolute necessity of keeping their dog on a leash, we are still getting yearly follow-up reports that read, "I can let him out without a leash now and he stays right in the yard." And let's not forget, "She loves me so much she stays right next to me even without a leash."

I wish someone would explain to me how someone who professes to love their dog can take the chance of something disastrous happening to it simply because, suddenly, he can't be bothered to take a second or two to clip on a leash!

In a split second, a dog who never left the yard before, can hear the school bus and decide to go out front to meet "his kids". What greets them instead is the sight of their beloved friend crushed to death under the bus.

Your normally predictable dog can be walking right by your side as usual. Then, startled by an unexpectedly loud noise, bolts into traffic.

Some dogs have been lucky so far but who is to say how long that luck will last. Letting a Greyhound, or any sighthound for that matter, out without restraint in an unfenced area, is an act of neglect!

All the expensive foods, fancy beds, doggie clothing, chewies and toys are nice but a dead dog can't enjoy them.

The best way to show your love for your dog is to keep him safe and out of harm's way.

♥ **UNLEASHED IS UNLOVED** ♥

