

Greyhound



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: This is an ancient breed that is thought to originate from the eastern Mediterranean region. It was used to course different types of game over terrain at excessive speeds. Greyhounds are traced back to the 1500's when they were brought to America by Spanish explorers. They were used to hunt, guard and intimidate opponents. Azor, a famous Greyhound, accompanied George Washington during the American Revolution.

BREED APPEARANCE: Greyhounds are about 21"-30" high and weigh about 60-70 pounds. They are sleek, muscular, and built for speed. They are the fastest breed of dog. Greyhounds have short hair and their coat colors range from black, red, and brindle and can be mixed with white.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

The Greyhound's greatest trait is its loyalty and need for companionship. This breed is loving and lively but can also be content to just lie around the house.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Greyhounds do not make good guard dogs due to their friendly nature. Also, due to their heritage and instinct, they love to chase small animals and cannot be completely trusted off leash.

Perfect Pet Rating



Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: They are very quiet, loving and loyal. The Greyhound makes a great companion dog for your family. They are also rarely aggressive towards people and children.

MINUSES: They require a long walk every day. They also can't be trusted off leash due to their desire to run.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

Someone who is not able to exercise this dog properly and keep it in a fenced in yard should not choose a Greyhound.

DO THEY SHED?



Greyhounds shed very little. Grooming is only required when necessary.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?



This breed is not known to be aggressive toward children. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?



Greyhounds are good with other dogs, but their predatory instincts might take over when it comes to smaller animals. Early socialization is key to getting your Greyhound to accept other animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?



These dogs tend to be couch potatoes. Daily walks and occasional runs is all that is required.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?



This breed is fairly easy to train. They need to be motivated and to receive positive reinforcement.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?



Greyhounds are generally healthy. Some may suffer from bloat. They are also more prone to bone cancer. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.