



## PREPARING YOUR GREYHOUND FOR LIFE AS A PET

### SOCIALISATION WITH OTHER DOGS

Introduce him/her to other dogs, especially different breeds and sizes, under controlled circumstances. When doing so, please ensure your greyhound is muzzled and on a lead.

### SOCIALISATION WITH OTHER PEOPLE

Introduce him/her to unfamiliar people and children (always supervised).

### DIFFERENT INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTS

Have the greyhound spend time loose in a backyard environment, and in the house with different surfaces, such as floor boards, tiles and stairs.



## **DIFFERENT EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTS**

Have the greyhound walking nicely on lead by your side in a variety of environments, such as on a street, past your local school, or near a shopping centre.

## **EXERCISE CHANGE**

Decrease his/her exercise requirements and adjust daily routine. Most adopting families will not wake up at 4:30am to walk their dogs.

## **DIET MODIFICATION**

Some greyhounds can lose a little weight when they are desexed. To compensate for this, consider increasing your greyhound's diet just prior to rehoming. Also most residential homes will feed dry kibble as part of the greyhounds diet, it may be worth starting that introduction if they have never had it prior.

## **BASIC COMMANDS**

Start teaching your greyhound some of the basic commands they will use in a home, such as name recall, 'on your bed', loose leash walking, not to jump up and to wait at meal times.

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