



**Kerry Greyhound Connection**

Reg. Charity No. 1115362

### **OUR HOMING PROCESS**

- 1 If you have read the information on our website and feel you would like to apply to adopt a greyhound, we ask you to fill in our questionnaire. This can be accessed online or we can send you our information pack by post. The questionnaire helps us to know about your lifestyle, working hours, any children and other pets and what kind of dog would suit you, and it also helps you to think about what is important to you in a dog.
- 2 When you have returned the completed questionnaire to us we contact you by phone or email to make a time to come and visit you to carry out a homecheck. This is an informal visit to talk through the information on your questionnaire, and to answer any questions you may have. If you live too far away from any of us we may ask someone from another rescue near to you to carry out your homecheck for us.
- 3 We keep around 40 dogs in Ireland and around 15 dogs in Norfolk at any time. If all goes OK with your homecheck and we have a suitable dog for you we will talk to you about the dog and about the next step, which may be for you to meet the dog or for the dog to be placed with you.
- 4 If you are in the UK and we don't have a suitable dog for you here and we have one in Ireland we will tell you which dog we think would suit you and approximately when the next trip to bring your dog over will be. Photos and some information about the dogs in our care are on our website. If you have cats and need a cat friendly greyhound, we may not have one already in our care and there may be a wait to get the right dog for you. We will talk about this at the homecheck visit.
- 5 Every dog we home has been spayed or neutered, vaccinated and wormed. He or she has also had a veterinary check, including a dental scale and polish, when they come in to our care. These treatments would normally cost around between £200 and £300/€300- €450 if you had to have them done at your vet. In addition we have transport costs to bring the dogs to the UK. We receive help with funding for some of these costs.

- 6 We ask you for a donation of £100/€115 for your dog to help towards these costs, payable when you adopt your dog. Please make cheques out to Kerry Greyhound Connection. If you are on a low income and cannot afford this we are happy to talk about the amount you can pay. Also if you take two greyhounds from us we are happy to talk about the amount of donation if you wish to.
- 7 We ask you to sign an adoption agreement when you adopt a dog from us. This is a standard agreement similar to that used by most rescue organisations, and includes an agreement that if things don't work out with your dog for any reason and the problems can't be resolved you will hand the dog back to us, rather than passing the dog onto someone else. We can give you a copy of our adoption agreement to read at any time if you'd like one.
- 8 Before you adopt your dog you must have an ID disc with your phone number/s on, for the dog before we can leave the dog in your care. You also need to buy a collar and lead, dog food and bowls, and a bed before your dog comes into your care. Raised dog bowls are preferable for greyhounds. A duvet folded up makes a comfortable bed.
- 9 You need to arrange a vet for your dog, although your dog will not usually need to see a vet when they first come to you as all veterinary treatment will normally be up to date. As with any dog it is also a good idea to take out pet insurance.
- 10 A few days after your dog has come to live with you we ask you to let us know how the dog is settling in. If you have any questions or any problems we ask you to phone us for advice at any time. We have a trainer on our team to help with any problems or queries. There is no charge for this service. If you are happy to let us have a photo of your dog in his or her new home we will put it on our 'Happy Tails' page on our website.
- 11 And last but not least, we ask that you enjoy your new family member/s and hope that you have many happy years together!



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