

Mission Statement

Greyhound Friends of North Carolina (GFNC) – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit – is an established adoption agency providing retired racing greyhounds a path to lifelong placement into loving homes, ensuring their health and welfare, and educating the public about greyhounds as pets. We support and endorse relationships with organizations and groups which practice humane and ethical treatment of their dogs.



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*Changing the world one
greyhound at a time!*

Greyhounds as Pets

Life Expectancy and Size. Greyhounds are a healthy breed, normally living to 12 to 15 years old. Greyhounds placed through GFNC are usually between 2 and 5 years old. They typically stand 26 to 29 inches at the shoulder and weigh between 50 and 80 pounds; females are generally smaller than males.

Exercise. Many people think that greyhounds need lots of exercise because they are ex-racers. Not so! Two 15-20 minute walks per day should be sufficient for most retired racers. They will also enjoy a romp inside a safe fenced-in area once or twice a week.

GFNC has found homes for more than
6,400 *greyhounds since*
our founding in 1993.

Housetraining. Retired racing greyhounds are kennel trained – that is, they know not to go in their crates. Greyhounds are quick learners but you must show them where the living areas are and where they are supposed to relieve themselves. When you first bring your greyhound home, take them outside frequently and praise them for pottying so they learn where they should go to the bathroom.

Children. Adult greyhounds are better with children than most breeds. While they are patient dogs, they do not want to be harmed by a child or anyone else. As a result, they tend to walk away from a problem rather than confront it. Of course, pet owners should never leave pets alone with small children until they have been supervised together for a while.

We LOVE GFNC! I am a second generation adopter from the shelter and love having Sunday Mimosa as the newest member of our family. Greyt staff, Greyt cause, Greyt hounds!

– Savanna T.

Other Pets. Greyhounds are very social animals. They can learn to get along with just about any pet, but they should be introduced carefully. Greyhounds are hunters by nature and their first instinct is often to take a closer look at small fuzzy animals such as cats. With the proper training, greyhounds and all kinds of animals can become best friends.

Cost. Our \$355 adoption fee includes:

- Full veterinary workup
- Spaying or neutering
- Dental (teeth scaling)
- All vaccines
- Bath and nail clipping
- Collar and plastic muzzle
- Adoption guide
- Microchip

How you can help:

ADOPT

If you can't adopt,

FOSTER

If you can't foster,

VOLUNTEER

If you can't volunteer,

DONATE

If you can't donate,

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