

Greyhound 101



I am a trained athlete and now I am retired. I am a descendent of an ancient breed that goes back to the Celts and then even further back to the Egyptians. In old England, you could tell a gentleman by his horse and by his greyhounds. The term “Greyhound” has nothing to do with color. It is likely an old English term “Gre-hundr” or “Dog Hunter”. The Egyptians worshipped me as a god and you will see others of my ancestors inscribed on tombs of kings. I come from a noble lineage.

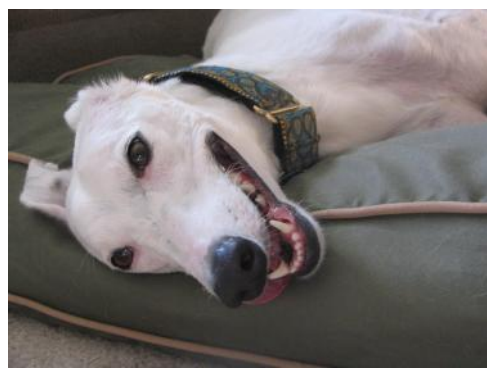
Now that my racing days are over, I look to you for help so that I can adjust to the 20th century, and hopefully to a safe and secure retirement. I’m a unique dog with unique characteristics. I love people, more so than most breeds and tend to be quite sociable. Surprisingly, I’m a great pet for those elderly or apartment dwellers. I’m calm and gentle. I like peace and quiet, and will sleep up to 18 hours a day. I



usually don’t make noises, unless you like to howl...then, I’ll join in. I possess superior intelligence. I’m not a vicious predator, as some believe, but chase by nature. I am very sensitive, quizzical, and surprisingly gentle. I will try hard to please so am easily trained. I never had the opportunity to be a puppy and may need to act out some puppy behavior like chewing which I will quickly outgrow.

I am, a sight hound trained to chase lures, usually mechanical. I know about other greyhounds but not other breeds or species, like cats. Most of us learn to co-exist, and even show affection for the cats we live with. I have rarely needed to defend myself and will often “freeze” if attacked. My

eyesight, hearing, and sense of smell are keen. I love riding in vehicles. I do not bite but sometimes show affection as a wolf does with mouth agape, gently grasping. I love with my whole body and may rub up like a cat or lean against you. I am used to a leash, love to walk and will learn to heel quickly. Unlike some breeds, I’m not interested in pulling you along. I will typically walk and sniff at your pace.



More so than other dogs, I quickly feel the winter cold or the rain and if outside for more than a short time period should have a coat. I rarely bark, but may do so when excited or to tell you that I need to go out. I will be confused for a few days in my new environment but will quickly learn to adapt to your routines.

Given my body structure, it is much easier to lay down than to sit. I may need to be shown how to climb stairs, or I may go up but be too afraid to come down. I’ve had little chance to play games but will show my appreciation as you spend time to teach me. And I promise to love you forever.