

FACT SHEET

Adoption information

- Greyhounds are part of the sighthound family, and most have little to no recall. GAP recommends always keeping your greyhound on a lead in public.
- GAP suggests avoiding off leash dog areas including dog parks and beaches due to lack of recall, fragile skin and minimal socialisation previously with other dogs.
- Greyhounds can experience sleep startle, so it is always best to leave sleeping dogs lie. Avoid touching them when they're sleeping. For this reason, it is best that greyhounds don't share human beds and couches. More information can be found [here](#).
- Greyhounds aren't built for endurance, two shorter walks a day are ideal. A maximum of 30 minutes per walk is usually plenty to keep them happy.
- Most greyhounds aren't toilet trained and usually haven't experienced stairs before. GAP can help support you with tips and guidance regarding teaching your greyhound toilet and stair training.
- GAP greyhounds are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, with flea, tick and worming preventatives up to date. They also get a dental scale and clean before finding their retirement homes (greyhounds don't have the best dental hygiene and may need regular dental check-ups).
- Introduce your greyhound slowly to new environments, meeting new people, dogs or walking new routes.
- GAP greyhounds are fed twice a day between 1 ½ to 2 cups of a high-quality kibble (we suggest Royal Canine Maxi). Greyhounds do have different dietary requirements to other breeds and will drop weight quickly if not fed quality kibble.
- Never allow children to touch a greyhound while it's eating or enjoying a treat. Give the greyhound space to eat comfortably without interruptions.
- Always close gates and latch doors, greyhounds are quite stealthy and will quickly sneak out of open gates when roaming free in the yard.

