



Private rehome matching guide

This guide aims to help trainers successfully match a greyhound with the right family.

When deciding if a greyhound will be compatible and happy to live with a new owner, it is important to take a few different things into consideration to make the best possible match. GRNZ has created two questionnaires that will help you match a greyhound with the right new owner and vice versa.

New owner questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to find out about the environment the greyhound will be adopted into and what the new owner's expectations of owning a greyhound are. Getting to know the people looking to adopt a greyhound will guide your decision on whether your greyhound is a suitable match for their home or not.

Greyhound trainer questionnaire

Trainers know their greyhounds – what makes them happy and what they are capable of socially and behaviour-wise. This questionnaire will highlight a greyhound's preferences with people and other animals, as well as their level of training so you are able to assess their suitability for a potential owner.

Steps towards a successful match

The following steps will help you assess if a greyhound will be compatible with a new owner.

1. Any pets or cats?

Ask the potential owner if they have any pets currently. If they have a cat, you will need to ensure that the greyhound is cat trainable and explain how to safely integrate the greyhound into living with a cat. For advice with cat training, please direct the new owner to Great Mates or Nightrave who will provide support for any privately rehomed dogs. Nightrave will also provide the new owner with a free greyhound collar from their online store.

2. Size of pet dog?

If the potential owner already has a dog you will need to find out what size it is and decide if your greyhound would get on with the owner's current dog. If it is a small breed dog, the greyhound being matched will need to have been socialised and be social with similarly small dog breeds.

3. Typical routine?

While talking with the potential new owner, ask them about their daily routine to find out how long the greyhound might be left at home alone while they are at work or running errands. This will provide an insight into their lifestyle and what sort of greyhound could fit into their routine easily – an active household might be a good fit for an energetic grey, whereas a quiet household could be a good home for an older or more timid greyhound.

4. Dog experience?

Ask them about their experience with dogs and if they have previously owned dogs. If this is their first dog they will likely need extra support and should be matched with a greyhound that has no behaviour quirks or issues. If they are experienced dog owners they could be matched with a greyhound that needs ongoing training – as long as they are made aware of the greyhound's behavioural needs.

5. Okay to meet?

When you decide that a greyhound may suit the potential owner, allow them to meet the greyhound. If the initial meeting goes well, they can then foster the greyhound with an intent to adopt. A four-week foster period will give the new owner time to make sure that the greyhound is the right dog for them.

6. Adoption confirmed?

Following the four-week foster period check in with the new owner to see if they would like to officially adopt the greyhound. Once this has been confirmed, put the new owners in touch with Great Mates or Nightrave for ongoing support.

7. Final step

Following the four-week foster period check in with the new owner to see if they would like to officially adopt the greyhound. If the adoption is confirmed, put the new owners in touch with Great Mates or Nightrave for ongoing support and remember to advise GRNZ within three business days that the greyhound has been officially adopted.