

## **MGAP In-Home Check List** (leave a copy of this page with potential adopters)

All family member present?  Yes or No  IF no, interview cannot be conducted.

**\*MGAP Fax 506 855-7855**

1. Leash: The Greyhound must always be on a leash except when in a completely enclosed area. Flexi-leads and electric fences is also not an option for them or any electric shock collar. All persons MUST agree to this term & know it is for life of the grey. This is also part of the adoption contract.
2. Do not tie outside: The Greyhound cannot be tied outside; as it will bolt if it sees something it wants to chase and could break his/her neck. They have never been tied up before.
3. A dog run is a great solution for bathroom or yard training. Just remember, in the winter, rain, flu season, it still must done... Pre Fab. (ex. Kent) or chain link fence are good.
4. Fencing must be a min. of 5 ft high, & completely secure. Some greys are jumpers.
5. Watch doors as the dog can bolt out very quickly. Posting a sign at each door is a great way to get used to this new "habit". We provide one for you. Most new dogs will try to bolt.
6. Collars: they must use appropriate Martingale collars! Never a buckle collar. The Greyhound must wear a warm coat in the cold winter months. This is due their low body fat level.
7. Basket Muzzles are used for introductions & training of cats, dogs, & kids for the first time. Also when a group of Greyhounds get together off lead, (in an enclosed area). Muzzles are provided.
8. Water – the dog should always have fresh water, but when he will be alone for a long period of time, you may need to control the water consumption, but be careful in the warm weather. They will tip over a bowl in the crate; use the kind that attach to the side.
9. Garbage – keep ALL garbage away from the dog, many things are toxic & they could get a blockage from certain things such as bones or socks. Use cans with strong lids or inside a cupboard.
10. Counters – keep counters free of food, the Greyhound could reach & help himself. Even dishes with traces of food are a temptation. Once reinforced, you will have an issue on your hands. Prevention!
11. Chocolate, grapes, raisons, sugar free products (gum) and onions are toxic for Greyhounds, never leave them lying around. Doggie proof your house. Dogs are scavengers we need to keep them safe.
12. Keep cat food and cat litter completely out of reach. Dogs love eating this & will make them sick.
13. Do not feed your dog "prepared" human food of any kind. Fresh fruit, vegetables, oatmeal, rice, bland meat is fine, if they can tolerate it. Never mix anything into their kibble, as it will create finicky eaters. Give one fish oil blend & acidophilus capsule per day with their food
14. Feed a GOOD quality dry dog food from a pet store or vet office. Low on fillers like corn, no by-products or dyes or harsh preservatives. Pick up food after 10 minutes if not finished always.
15. Chewing – when a dog is bored/stressed he will need to chew so have some marrowbones or nyla bones. NO raw hide! Denta bones can cause diarrhea & don't work great. Crown knuckle bones for their teeth; give 20 minutes per day & buy new one every 2 weeks – pet stores ex Global. Have at least 12 strong toys of different types in their toy box. Use stuffed kongs for enrichment often.
16. Grooming- ears (ear cleanser), teeth (brush), bathing, brushing and nails (pliers type) - explain all.
17. Stairs- covered in the online training course. We can teach in foster care if requested.
18. Doggie proofing the house. Offer any advice you see fit & ask if they have any questions regarding this. i.e. chemicals, people food, cat food, dog food, stairs, slipper floors...
19. Feed twice per day, approximately 2 cups each time. Give them a maximum of 10mins to eat then discard the food and return to the normal feeding schedule. VERY important-do not exercise 1hour before and 2 hours after eating as it could result in a serious condition called bloat.
20. If the dog were to vocalize the first few nights, discuss their options.
21. Discuss the placement of the crate & why it needs to be in the main living area of the house.
22. **Vet reference form was collected** (if they have owned dogs within 2 years) \_\_\_\_\_
23. The 100.00 deposit was explained to start the online training course. Paypal, E-transfer or cheque.

**Interview for:** Print \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MGAP Rep:** \_\_\_\_\_

# MGAP Protocols for In-home Interviews

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## Before the interview

- Contact the person within 3 days & let Deb know as soon as you have the appointment booked. We need the person to know that we received their application. If you're unable to do this, please let Deb know.
- All people living in the home MUST be present for the interview or we cannot conduct it. Make this clear when you book the appointment or it must be re-done. There is a (\$20.00) fee to cover gas if we have to go back a second time. Payable to you upon arrival.
- Before the interview, call the landlord & ask for written approval & fax to MGAP. See form below.
- Send them the vet reference form when you book appointment and ask them to have this for you when you arrive and you fax in form to MGAP.
- Call references before interview. See questions below.
- Let them know that you will be bringing your greyhound & ask how their dogs generally is with other dogs (if applicable). If your dog is not good with cats or small dogs, have them put them safely in another room before your arrival.

## During the interview

- The interview is a crucial part of the responsibility of the organisation. We are there to interview and using your intuition is always an important aspect. Remember being "nice" is not a good reason for approval. We want quality placements, as our motto states "Quality not Quantity". Some people are not suited for a Greyhound. Some would be better off with a different breed or some without a dog at all. Do not expect to recommend everyone.
- Muzzles are brought and only used if they have other dogs, cats or kids.
- Do not bring dog beds to interviews. Approaching dogs on beds can be a safety issue.
- We must view all animals in home but our grey does not have to see them. The most important thing is for *us* (people) to meet the animals and assess as best we can. It may be best to have the dogs meet outside on leashes before coming into the house. Assure them that 90% of our Grey's live happily with cats. If needed take your dog to car while viewing their animals if they are not good with them. You MUST view animals and assess general appearance, health and temperament or another visit may be required. How your own dogs behaves with their animals if of no real relevance as that is not the dog they will be adopting.
- Your greyhound must be on a leash during the interview at all times, even if they say it's ok.
- We do not adopt to homes with children under 5 yrs. – no exceptions.
- Be very careful with young children around your dog, & watch closely for signs of stress in your dog. If your grey is not used to children, use muzzle for safety. DO not allow children to sit near the dog during the interview. They must stand up to pet under chin and on the chest.
- Let them know that Deb will be in touch after she receives their report.

## After the interview

- Send your report in from our web site no later than 2 days after the interview is completed. Ask Deb for the password if you forgot
- Fax all forms to Deb at 506 855-7855 or scan and e-mail to [deblevasseur@rogers.com](mailto:deblevasseur@rogers.com)
- You may keep the signed copy of the in-home check list on hand & drop it off the next time you see me; you do not have to mail me each one. I just need to know that you have it.

## Reference questions: (please call 2 references on the application form).

1. How long have you known the person?
2. Has the person had animals before and how was she with the animals? Did she take her animals to the vet when needed?
3. Do you know of any animals they may have given up?
4. Have they moved often or are they pretty stable?
5. Would you recommend them for adoption of a greyhound?
6. Anything else MGAP should know about before recommending them for adoption?

# MGAP Protocols for In-home Interviews Cont'd

## Items to review during the visit:

1. Review In home visit check list and answer any questions
2. Discuss the support offered after adoption

## Questions for In-home Interviews: (you will need these answers for your report)

1. If a rental property, did you discuss plans for future moves and that pet friendly units are harder to find and more expensive? What was their plan for this?
2. Can they handle a dog who may bark all night for several nights? Explain
3. Are they willing to give the dog and cat months to get used to each other? Explain
4. Have they owned a dog on their own before? If so what breed? Or size? Do they get along well with other dogs?
6. Are they ok with using a crate in their main living area for the adjustment period? If not please explain
7. How comfortable are they that the greyhound can NEVER be allowed off leash?
8. Who will primarily care for the dog?
9. Do they own a pool? Is so, what is their plan for safety?
8. Do the neighbors have dogs? If so, are they well behaved and contained safely? What breed or size?
9. What is their current level of dog training knowledge?
10. Have you explained that this is a lifelong commitment and that all dogs need training?
11. Do they have a fenced yard? If so, what height and is it safe for a greyhound? Do they understand these are indoor dogs?
12. Are they intimidated or afraid of dogs?
13. Are they willing to give the dog and cat months to get used to each other? Explain If they have cats, are they more assertive or timid?
14. Discuss monthly costs and emergency vet costs as well as pet insurance?
15. In all honesty, what possible circumstances could arise that would cause them to return a dog?
16. Is there a flexible plan in place for the adjustment period?

## Personal observations:

1. Approximate age range, Are there any mobility or health issues?
2. All family members present and attentive for entire interview and checklist reviewed and signed?
3. Note all that apply with regards to children Fearful of dog, follows parents instructions well, calm and quiet, loud and hyper, appropriate interactions to dog, attentive during interview
4. If animals in home, explain the reaction to your greyhound.
5. Do you feel they are assertive enough to provide the required leadership?
6. Does the indoor environment appear safe for a dog? i.e open stairs, cleaning supplies etc
7. Would you feel comfortable leaving your dog with them? If not why not?

## **Next Step:**

Online training session – a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required for this and this will come off of their adoption fee leaving them with \$155.00. The course is about 2 hours and is broken down into easy to work through lessons

Recommend for adoption? \_\_\_\_\_



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## Veterinary Reference Consent Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ am applying to adopt a greyhound from the Maritime Greyhound Adoption Program and hereby authorize the veterinarian and staff to release all confidential information to MGAP and its representatives on my current and/or past pets on their medical history for adoption purpose. This information will not be shared with any other parties.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/type of pet(s): \_\_\_\_\_

This section to be completed by Veterinarian:

Regular vet checkups – dates/name for each pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccines Records: \_\_\_\_\_

Was the animal(s) provided proper medical attention we required: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend them for greyhound adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Vet Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax this form directly to MGAP: 506 855-7855**

**Or scan and e-mail to [deblevasseur@rogers.com](mailto:deblevasseur@rogers.com)**



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**Landlord Consent Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying to adopt a greyhound from the Maritime Greyhound Adoption Program and I, being the landlord of the dwelling in which they live, located at

\_\_\_\_\_ is declared pet friendly & large dogs are allowed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_