

**NITTANY GREYHOUNDS** is a 501(c)3 organization comprised of dozens of volunteers dedicated to finding homes for ex-racing greyhounds. We receive funding through our adoption and other tax-deductible donations, events, and other activities.

**OUR VISION** is clear - we want to find homes for as many greyhounds as possible. We want to be the premier greyhound placement group in the country, providing adoption, care, and community education about this breed.

Nittany Greyhounds has been in existence since 1995, and since then, has placed more than 1400 greyhounds in "forever homes," not only within central PA (our primary area), but also throughout the Northeast. We have no employees; everything we do is volunteer driven, and with dozens of events each year, we are stretched to the limit, but happy to be so.

In the summer of 2008, Nittany Greyhounds realized its dream of a new kennel near State College. We will be stepping up our fund-raising to help pay for this beautiful facility, but we also have lots of other needs as well.

#### **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Adopt a greyhound! Work along with us to find homes for these wonderful dogs.
- Financial donations are critical to obtaining adoptable dogs and to keeping our organization running.
- Sponsor a meet 'n greet or fund raising event. We will support you all the way.
- Know an organization looking for a service project?
- Volunteer at our kennel, Roo Valley. There are literally dozens of jobs that need done on a daily basis. Call us for more information.
- Help supply our facility with blankets, toys, dog beds, martingale collars, treats, cleaning supplies, etc.



**Where it all started:  
In 1995, Lily became  
the inspiration for  
Nittany Greyhounds.  
Now she's an angel  
guiding our vision.**

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## WHY ADOPT A GREYHOUND?

Greyhounds are a clean, beautiful, dignified breed. They shed little, bark even less, and have no "dog" odors.

Greyhounds are affectionate, well-behaved, and intelligent.

They are easy to train and discipline.

They take well to the car and are easy travelers.

They make excellent "second pets," fitting in well with other dogs (and cats sometimes).

Most are between the ages of 2 and 4, and with an average life expectancy of between 12 and 14, they'll provide years of love for your family.

Note: these are general statements and their individual personalities may vary.



## CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE ADOPTING

Retired racing greyhounds are given as house pets only! Greyhounds cannot be kept as outside pets. As sight hounds, they will run at the slightest movement and can easily lose their way. They also have little body fat and fur, so they don't do well in the cold. They should be walked as often as necessary as would be any other dog. A fenced area is ideal.

Never tie out a greyhound on a chain. They can reach speeds up to 40 mph very quickly and can break their neck at the end of a chain. Electric fences don't contain them.

The donation for adoption equals the cost of the veterinary bill for a complete physical, neutering, shots, teeth cleaning and transportation.

Greyhounds are such special dogs. They have been raised with dozens of other dogs and have had little human contact except for their trainers. They don't understand the "love" bonding at first and may seem aloof or unhappy. It doesn't take them long to discover toys, soft beds, treats, and love. At first, they know nothing except running and eating, so they need special considerations for glass doors, wood floors, steps, and other household adventures. They are like full-grown puppies, learning as the go.

**ADOPTION DONATION: \$285**

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** See the dogs available online and complete our application at [www.nittanygreys.org](http://www.nittanygreys.org) or call (814) 933-6981.

## FAQ'S ABOUT GREYHOUNDS

### ARE GREYHOUNDS HIGH-STRUNG?

No, they are very calm animals in general. They have playful personalities but are not high-maintenance when it comes to attention.

### ARE GREYHOUNDS HEALTHY?

Yes, they are bred to be runners and to be healthy and sleek. There is no hip dysplasia in greyhounds. Sometimes dogs come to us with broken legs or other injuries caused while racing. We make sure your dog is as healthy as can be before he/she is released to you. They do live a normal lifespan of 12-14 years.

### CAN GREYHOUNDS BE TRAINED?

Yes, greyhounds have been known to be excellent agility dogs and they are obedient. Typically they are housetrained when you receive them, but they may need a "refresher" with this particular household manner. Greyhounds are intelligent, but need a little time to adjust to their new surroundings.

### WHAT IS SEPARATION ANXIETY?

Greyhounds have been around lots of other dogs and people their whole lives, and sometimes when they are taken into a new home and are alone for the first time, they may experience separation anxiety. They can typically be trained out of it and there are excellent books written on the subject. It is best to get your greyhound when you can devote several days for transition.

