

RULES FOR KIDS WITH GREYHOUNDS

1. **LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE!** Always say your dog's name as you approach them or enter a room in which they are sleeping. Some dogs nap with their eyes open, so be careful! Remember, these dogs have always slept alone in a crate. They haven't been touched or interrupted when sleeping!
2. **LEAVE YOUR GREYHOUND ALONE WHILE SHE IS EATING.** Again, no one has ever touched or bothered these dogs when they eat. Actually, no one likes to be bugged while eating! Your dog may think you are trying to steal her food so stay away. If there are toddlers in the home, feed the dog in a crate with the door closed.
3. **NEVER TEASE YOUR GREYHOUND. PLAY FAIR!** Never offer a toy and then snatch it back or run up and grab her toy from her. You'd be pretty upset if someone did that to you and so will she. She will also learn not to trust you. Always hold toys at your waist level—if you hold them higher, you are teaching your dog to jump up and that can be dangerous and annoying.
4. **YOUR GREYHOUND'S CRATE IS ABSOLUTELY OFF LIMITS TO YOU!** Everyone needs some quiet time now and then and if your dog is in her crate, leave her alone. She'll come out when she's ready to play.
5. **LEARN OBEDIENCE COMMANDS--COME, OFF, LAY DOWN, OUTSIDE, NO--LEAVE IT.** Have everyone in your family use the same words so your dog is not confused by what you are asking.
6. **ALWAYS BE GENTLE WITH YOUR GREYHOUND.** Greyhounds are very sensitive dogs. They are used to taking directions from their trainers and will happily follow your directions, too, if you are kind.
7. **YOU MUST WEIGH MORE THAN YOUR GREYHOUND AND BE VERY RESPONSIBLE BEFORE YOU CAN HOLD THE LEASH AND WALK HER BY YOURSELF.** Greyhounds can hit 40 mph in three strides so you must be able to "hold your own" so you don't get injured and your dog does not escape!
8. **PICK UP TOYS AND OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS FOR YOUR DOG TO CHEW OR SWALLOW.** Remember, greyhounds have never seen most of what is in your house and don't know which things are ok and which things are not ok for play. Your dog will especially like things that smell like you—your bear, your shoes, your stinky socks—so put things away.
9. **TELL VISITORS THE RULES!** Make sure your friends and visitors know the rules for playing with your dog, too. Not everyone has a pet and so some kids might not know the right way to behave around your pet.

Your greyhound can be your best friend if you are her best friend. Always treat her with respect and love, just as you want your friends to treat you.