

Lost Greyhound Prevention Checklist

Your greyhound is a moment away from being lost forever

Collar

- Martingale or sighthound type
- Proper size/adjustment (metal rings should not touch; only two fingers fit under collar)
- Strong D-ring in good repair
- ID tags with current information on dog at all times (Martingale or tag collar; not clipped to D-ring)

Leash

- Sturdy, locking clip (or non-locking clip plus carabineer)
- Extra caution if near coats or other dog clothing that may open the clip
- Six foot or less, not a retractable type
- Handle cinched or at least looped around wrist of responsible person
- Dog never attached to tie-out or other fixed object

Gates, Fences & Pens

- Gates and fences 4' or higher, no space for a dog to get through or under, in good repair and regularly checked for damage or weak spots; extra caution when snow is piled high near fence
- No use of invisible fencing
- Gates securely latched and warning signs displayed
- Unused gates locked
- Unlocked gates confirmed secured before letting dog(s) outside
- 4' tall exercise pen (x-pen) used outside fenced areas, and secured against tipping over
- Dogs monitored and supervised

Doors, Screens & Windows

- Doors securely latched; locked when possible, and warning signs displayed
- Baby gates or other obstacles blocking paths to easy freedom when doors or windows (including upstairs windows) are open
- Screens not relied upon to keep dog in (protected with gates or bars)
- Doggie doors should not allow unsupervised access outdoors, even to a fenced area

Vehicles (dog uncrated inside)

- Doors and hatches closed, fully latched and locked
- Doors and hatches carefully opened only far enough to reach or attach a leash before opening enough for dog to get out
- Special caution used for vehicles equipped with remote-opening of doors or hatches
- Seats not relied upon as means of blocking dog's escape through an open door, hatch or window
- Windows closed, or open less than the size of the dog's head

People

- Dog handled or walked only by responsible persons aware of this information; also over 10 years old or who weigh more than the dog.
- Caution around doors, gates and any other direct path to freedom
- Greyhounds always assumed to be escape risks, and *never trusted* with freedom

Loose & Lost Dog Preparedness

- Lost Greyhound Checklist and 24 hour hotline number 414-301-2599 available (programmed in phones, on the refrigerator, in the car, etc.) to everyone having contact with the greyhound
- Leash, collar, squawker, treats and business cards available

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Lost / Found Greyhound Hotline: 414-301-2599 24 hours

GPA-Wisconsin will provide search coordination, response and 24 hour answering of the lost/found phone number and promptly share information with the greyhound's owner or responsible person and responding volunteers.

Greyhound in sight:

- Do not chase.** Consider taking: cell phone, appropriate clothing, lighting, smelly food, collar/leash, vehicle.
- Watch for traffic or other dangers; do not put yourself or others in danger.
- (Greyhound causing traffic hazard or other public danger) Call 9-1-1 for law enforcement or animal control help.
- (Outgoing greyhound) Blow squawker IF there's a safe path between you and the dog.
- Call GPA-Wisconsin 414-301-2599 at any hour of the day or night.
- (Greyhound shy, moving or otherwise unable to be caught) Follow at distance and call GPA-Wisconsin for live advice.

Greyhound out of sight:

- Call GPA-Wisconsin 414-301-2599 at any hour of the day or night.

GPA-Wisconsin will work with you to do the following:

- Verify the owner or person responsible for the greyhound is willing to cooperate with GPA-Wisconsin.
- Notify local law enforcement and animal control authorities for the area the dog was lost, and any other nearby jurisdictions where the dog may have traveled. Leave the GPA-Wisconsin lost/found phone number to be shared with and used by anyone with information.
- Make sure someone will promptly answer personal phone numbers listed on dog's ID tags.
- Consider options for routine or emergency veterinary service, if required when greyhound is found.
- Bring, download or create flyers and handbills.
- Mobilize volunteers to look for the greyhound, distribute and post flyers with the GPA-Wisconsin lost/found phone number, and respond to sightings and recover the dog.
- Arrange volunteers to make web, email, fax or telephone notifications to social media and other places able to reach people in the area of the lost greyhound; including microchip services, veterinarians, pet-related businesses and agencies such as public works, highway and parks departments.