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Editors's Note



Welcome to the first edition of Prison Greyhounds newsletter! My name is Elise Crockett, and I am thrilled to be your editor for this newsletter. I am newer to the Prison Greyhounds community and it has been a great experience. I adopted Maverick, my greyhound lurcher back in Sept of 2022.

We're excited to share the latest updates and stories from the world of Prison Greyhounds. To stay up-to-date with event dates and important announcements, make sure to subscribe to our e-news on PrisonGreyhounds.org.

In this newsletter, we'll embark on a journey into the captivating world of greyhound lurchers, exploring their unique blend of greyhound and coon hound traits. Join us as we interview our dedicated Foster Director, Erin Jesswein, who will provide valuable insights into the incredible rewards of opening your home to these marvelous hounds.

Together, let's continue to celebrate the extraordinary dogs we love and make a positive impact in their lives.

Warm regards,

Elise and Maverick

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The Lure of the Greyhound LURCHERS

Five traits of the greyhound lurcher mix



1 80% greyhound, 20% hunting hound

Greyhound lurchers are a crossbreed between greyhounds and other hunting hound breeds, such as coonhounds. This unique blend of traits from both parent breeds creates a remarkable and versatile companion. The term "lurcher" can differ depending on the geographical region. In some areas, it refers to any sighthound crossbreed; in others, it specifically denotes a greyhound crossbreed. Regardless of the definition, greyhound lurchers embody a fascinating fusion of traits that make them truly special.



2 Vocalization habits

Lurchers are known to be more expressive with their voices than greyhounds, although they are generally less vocal than the average dog. Their barks are typically deep and reminiscent of their coonhound lineage, they are not as frequent or loud as those of larger breeds. Additionally, lurchers share some vocal habits with greyhounds, such as the charming rooing and occasional whining. These unique vocalizations add to the distinctive character of greyhound lurchers, making them a delightful companion for those who appreciate their endearing communication style.

3 Social and affectionate

Greyhound lurchers have a unique upbringing as they are often not raised with their littermates, which can affect their social skills compared to NGA racers. When introducing your greyhound lurcher to an existing greyhound companion, it's important to monitor their initial interactions closely. However, greyhound lurchers are quick learners and adapt well to new situations. They possess an inherent love for people and are known for their loyalty, obedience, and sociability.



4 Walking partner to napping partner

Greyhound lurchers share the same love for sleep as their NGA greyhound counterparts. However, what sets them apart is their enthusiasm for outdoor adventures. Greyhound lurchers have an undeniable passion for hikes, jogs, and exploring the great outdoors. Bred with additional stamina, they make excellent walking partners, keeping pace with you on those scenic trails or city streets. So, a greyhound lurcher is a perfect fit if you're seeking a four-legged companion who will eagerly join you on your outdoor escapades.



5 Physical differences

Greyhound lurchers exhibit some notable physical differences compared to purebred greyhounds. On average, they have a slightly smaller build, with females weighing around 46 pounds and males ranging between 60 to 65 pounds. Additionally, greyhound lurchers tend to have a longer lifespan, averaging 12 to 14 years. Despite these variations, both greyhounds and greyhound lurchers share the same graceful and elegant appearance, making them beloved companions and admired athletes throughout history.

Prison Greyhounds Events

UNLEASH THE FUN!



1 Play Dates

Play dates are so much fun! These events are designed to provide a safe and stimulating environment for your beloved four-legged friends to socialize and let loose. Watch as they zoom, chase, and frolic with fellow greyhounds and greyhound lurchers, showcasing their incredible athleticism and playful nature.

2 Meet and Greet

The meet and greets are opportunities to shop, meet adoptable dogs greyhound lurchers (if available), help raise money for Prison Greyhounds and chat with fellow dog owners. We currently have 6 meet and greets locations which meet on a monthly schedule.



3 Hound Walks

Our hound walks offer the perfect blend of exercise, socialization, and natural wonders. So grab your walking shoes, leash up your hound, and let's embark on an unforgettable adventure together. These hound walks are not only a fantastic way to give your furry friend the exercise they crave, but also an opportunity to connect with like-minded hound enthusiasts.



4 Metazoa Brewery

At Metazoa, dog lovers can gather at the dog-friendly taproom and dog park, enjoying the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and connect with fellow hound owners. Whether you're sipping on a refreshing beverage or watching your furry friend romp around the park, it's a social experience that celebrates the bond between humans and their canine companions. Please note that you must be at least 21 years old to join in on the fun.

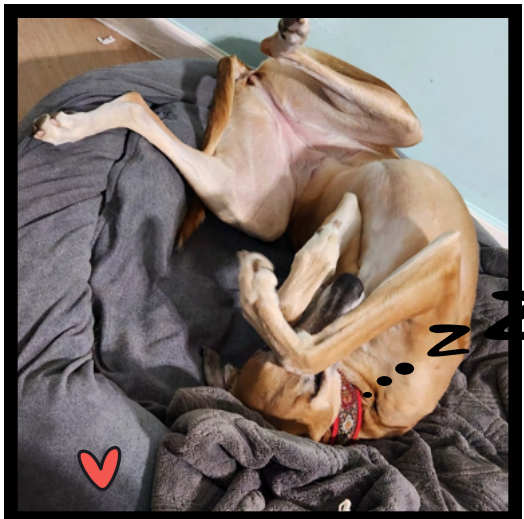
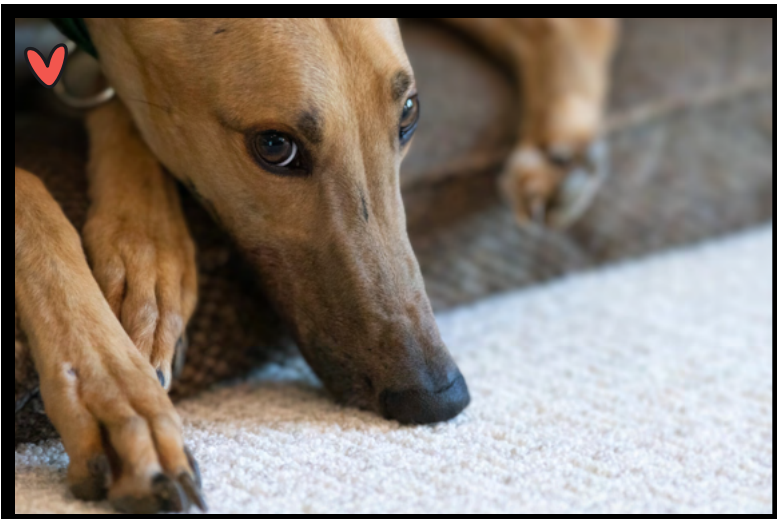


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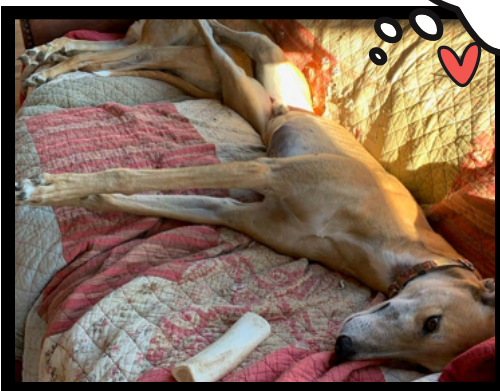
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Interested in Fostering?

Learn more from Prison Greyhounds Foster Director, Erin Jesswein

Hi Erin! What inspired you to be involved with greyhound fostering?

I adopted Callie 10 years ago from GPA Indy and saw on the Greyhound Resort Facebook page that Prison Greyhounds had a greyhound haul breakdown and needed help. I was working from home at the time, and I wanted to help. Once I started fostering for Prison Greyhounds, I shortly became foster director.

How many years have you fostered? How many greyhounds/greyhound lurchers have you fostered?

I would say about 58 dogs over the past 8 years.

As Foster Director, what are your goals for the fostering program?

Our goal is to adopt as many dogs as possible. Finding foster homes has been more challenging since the prison program's ending and track closures. Partly because some foster families adopted NGA greyhounds on the last haul, their home is complete.



How many foster families do you currently have?

We have a little less than 10 foster families, which is much less than before the closure of the NGA tracks.

What three things should someone know before they consider becoming a foster family?

1. Fostering is genuinely just providing a safe home for the foster. The foster families are not required to attend events or be involved in the adoption process.
2. There are two types of fostering - **long-term** fostering (at least a 2-month commitment or until the foster is adopted) and **short-term** - (a couple of weeks).
3. We provide most of everything except for food. We arrange medical care, treatment, spayed/neutered, and provide dog bowls, coats, muzzles, and a crate. The goal is that you do not need to buy anything extra.

What advice would you give someone interested in fostering?

At Prison Greyhounds, you are never fostering alone. With our experienced team by your side, fostering becomes a fulfilling and enriching journey. We understand the concerns about getting too attached, but we encourage you to embrace fostering as a way to help multiple greyhounds. For every foster you don't adopt, there's another waiting for your love and care.

What is the process for becoming a foster family for Prison Greyhounds?

The first step is completing the application on the Prison Greyhound website. The following step is a call with me to learn more about the foster program and expectations. You will not need a home visit if you are already an approved adopter. After you have been approved, we will begin searching for a dog for you to foster.

What would you say is the most challenging part of fostering?

For new foster families, there are concerns about new routines for their family or it being a new experience. It is a learning process, and it becomes easier; you usually become more comfortable within a week. My recommendation is to have the foster dog fit your routine.

How are greyhounds and greyhound lurchers matched with foster families?

We place fosters based on the application responses, specifically your home's activity level or whether you have other pets and/or children. We would never place a dog that was inappropriate. We want to set you up for success! If the foster is not a good fit, we will first try behavior modifications. If that is not successful, we will find another replacement. We also require foster families to provide weekly updates which can help if there are placement issues.



What would you say is the most satisfying and rewarding part of fostering?

Seeing the hounds in their adopted home and thriving. Seeing Peppermint Patty at the Prison Greyhounds play date was amazing and filled me with joy. Fostering opens doors to countless moments of happiness, knowing you played a part in their journey to a brighter future.

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You are not fostering alone. Prison Greyhounds has your back and is here to help you be a successful foster parent.

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Join Our Greyhound Family Today!

Join our foster family today and make a lasting impact on the lives of greyhounds in need. Complete the foster application online at prisongreyhounds.org/volunteer. We especially have a need for long-term fosters, as it allows these incredible hounds to experience the love and comfort of a home while they await their forever families. By opening your home to foster, you play a crucial role in ensuring these deserving greyhounds don't spend extended periods in the kennel. Start your fostering journey with us and be a part of a community dedicated to changing lives, one greyhound/greyhound lurcher at a time.



If interested in fostering, visit prisongreyhounds.org/volunteer to complete an application

10 Plus Years of A Ticket Home

Over ten years ago, we came up with the idea for "A Ticket Home" fundraising campaign to help cover the transportation expenses for long distance hauls of retired NGA racing greyhounds from Daytona Beach Kennel Club to adoption groups. Our aim was to reduce fees for adoption groups and cover medical costs for special needs hounds. The campaign was successful and continues to this day. Our partners included Daytona Beach Greyhound Pets of America,

Greyhound Alliance's Sunburst Project Kennel at Ebro, Victory Lap Transport, Greyhounds In Motion volunteer transport, and American Lurcher Projects retirement center in Ohio. Individual donors and the Tony Stewart Foundation provided significant donations. If interested in adoption, please complete an adoption form on prisongreyhounds.org



Every retired racing hound needs
A TICKET HOME

This includes the unsanctioned underdogs of racing—the greyhound-lurcher mix.

Will you help?

Here's how your tax-deductible donation would work:

A TICKET HOME: \$100 per dog

A TICKET HOME + VETTING: \$500 per dog

ANY AMOUNT HELPS: Give what you can so together we can bring them home!

Ready, Set, Adoption!

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RESEARCH

01

Watch "The Introduction to the Lurcher Class" video (for lurcher adoptions)

APPLICATION

02

Submit Prison Greyhounds adoption application via email or mail

REVIEW & APPROVAL

03

Pay a \$20 nonrefundable application fee (when requested). Assigned an **Adoption Representative**

HOME VISIT

04

Introductory phone call and home visit with greyhound or greyhound lurcher. All residents and pets must be present

CHOOSE

05

We will help match you to the best hound for you and your family. We cannot guarantee a specific hound or tell you if another family is interested

ADOPTION FEE

06

The adoption fee is nonrefundable but transferable

Greyhound lurcher adoption fee: \$400

ADOPTION!

07

After your hound comes home with you, your Adoption Representative will contact you again to ensure a successful transition



To find out more information, check out prisongreyhounds.org/adoption

Stylishly Safe: Unleashing the Power of Muzzles

Safety: Muzzles ensure safety in unfamiliar or risky situations, preventing conflicts and protecting the well-being of greyhound lurchers and others.

Training and Behavior Management: Muzzles are valuable for training and behavior management, enabling safe resolution of issues in various settings.

Peace of Mind: Muzzles provide peace of mind for foster parents, volunteers, and event hosts, ensuring a relaxed and enjoyable experience by preventing potential incidents.

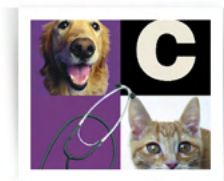
Public Perception: Muzzles challenge misconceptions and change public perception of greyhound and greyhound lurchers, promoting responsible ownership and educating others about the breed.

Fun and Style: Muzzles offer functional fashion with a variety of colors and designs, adding style to your greyhound lurcher's ensemble while ensuring safety.





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