

FOSTERING

Thinking about fostering? We ask that you first make sure that all family members are on board and are willing to participate in the care and nurturing of the new foster dog. Families who will open their homes to a new Greyhound and provide training and socialization are the heart of our program and are crucial to the adoption process.

Fostering is not always easy. You may get lucky and receive a dog that has already been in another foster home or with a family or, you might get that harder dog that is coming straight from a farm or track. Some of them will be delightful right off the bat and others might be a little harder to love but, they all deserve a home and they all deserve the training and care it takes to find them that home.

As you begin your fostering experience and begin making decisions for your foster dog, we hope you will continue to think of how you wanted your first Greyhound to behave when it came home. Please ALWAYS keep the new adopting family in mind as you are training and forming the personality of your new foster dog.

We hope you will read this manual with an eye toward continuing to improve our Foster Program and sharing ideas and knowledge. Many of you will already know much of this material, but these guidelines are developed and reevaluated periodically to ensure that every aspect of fostering goes as smoothly as possible, both for you and your foster.

Again, thank you for participating in our Foster Program. We hope that you enjoy teaching your foster how to retire to a life as a lovable, loyal, well-behaved family pet.

What is Fostering?

An ex-racing Greyhound enters your life for a few weeks to a few months, although some dogs have been in foster care for longer or shorter periods of time.

As a Foster Parent, you are responsible for teaching your foster Greyhound:

- _____ Housebreaking
- _____ Walking on a leash
- _____ Responding to his/her name
- _____ Appropriate behavior indoors – and outdoors
- _____ Proper interaction with other pets
- _____ Proper interaction with children and adults

Your foster must be kept indoors as a house pet. Greyhounds have no fur or body fat to shield them from extreme temperatures, have always been kept indoors in temperature-controlled kennels, and are accustomed to being inside around people.

Your foster's personality will slowly develop and bloom. Please notice their developing personality, likes and dislikes so that this may be shared with their new family.

Remember: We are only a phone call or e-mail away if you have questions or need advice!

Basic Program Guidelines

Ownership of foster Greyhounds

All foster Greyhounds are the sole property of MoKan Greyhound Adoption and shall be returned to MoKan Greyhound Adoption upon request, or if the foster parent is not able to adequately care for the Greyhound.

Care of the foster Greyhound

Foster parents must provide the foster Greyhound:

- Premium food
- Fresh water
- Love and affection
- Soft and comfy beds and pillows, and
- LOTS of guidance, supervision and training!

MoKan Greyhound Adoption will provide:

- Premium food (if you want us to)
- Flea and Heartworm meds (you may have to remind us)
- Crate
- Muzzle
- Collar with MoKan Greyhound Adoption ID tag

**Sometimes we will have basic supplies available that we can loan you such as bowls, bedding, toys, etcetera if you need us to provide them.*

ID tags

Make sure your foster wears his or her Greyhound collar and MoKan Greyhound Adoption tag at all times. Should your foster dog get loose, contact MoKan Greyhound Adoption's main number at 816-278-9430 immediately.

Greyhound names

Please use the name that MoKan Greyhound Adoption gave your foster dog unless otherwise instructed. A foster dog with the wrong name creates problems for those who keep the official records. For example, when we contact the vet for test results, it causes confusion if you listed the dog under a different name and no one can find the medical files. Potential adopters will refer to the dog by its MoKan Greyhound Adoption name also, so please be sure to use the MoKan Greyhound Adoption names to avoid any unnecessary confusion.

Attending Greyhound functions

Foster families are encouraged to attend any and all Greyhound functions with their foster dogs. It is highly recommended that foster families attend the adoption events in their area on a regular basis. History tells us that the dogs that are out in public the most often, are the first ones to be adopted. Adoption events are the #1 place where information is passed along and new adoptions originate. If you are unable to take your dog to an event, it is recommended that you ask if another volunteer can help out. The Greyhounds that have been adopted and are now pets make great sales dogs for their kind, and the foster dogs give a prospective family the opportunity to actually begin picturing themselves with their very own Greyhound.

Veterinary and Medical Procedures

Health treatment

MoKan Greyhound Adoption will provide routine and emergency veterinary care through:

<i>Abilene Animal Hospital Dr. Jon Gose 320 NE 14th St Abilene, KS 67410 PH: (785) 263-2301</i>	<i>Independence Animal Hospital Dr. Matt Wingert 300 S. Noland Independence, MO 64050 PH: 816-254-4282 After hours vet is on call</i>	<i>Piper Heritage Veterinary Any Doctor 3140 North 99th Street Kansas City, KS 66109 PH: 913-299-0010 After hours vet is on call</i>
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In the event of an afterhours EMERGENCY (defined as likely loss of life, limb or eyesight), two of these doctors have a vet on-call. Please try to reach one of them or a MoKan Greyhound Adoption board member before proceeding to the Emergency vet. If this is not possible, obtain care by the best means available. If anesthesia

is required, be sure the vet is familiar with Greyhounds and anesthesia. Notify a MoKan Greyhound Adoption board member of emergencies as soon as possible using the main phone number of 816-278-9430. PLEASE do not call personal phone numbers and do not text.

Foster Greyhounds are not to be treated by unauthorized veterinarians without prior approval. Expenses resulting from unauthorized routine care will be the responsibility of the foster parent. You must contact a board member for authorization. MoKan Greyhound Adoption will reimburse the foster parent for Emergency care, however a board member should be contacted prior to seeking emergency treatment if possible or as soon as possible thereafter.

We want to know what is going on with your foster dog. If the stools aren't firm, if there is vomiting, if they get a cut, lose a toenail, have a bleeding tail, abnormal itching, weight loss, poor appetite, etcetera, we want to know.

Vaccinations and worming

All Greyhounds should have received routine vaccinations (DHLPP and Rabies) and an initial worming before or shortly after being placed in a foster home.

Spay/Neuter/Dental

Prior to or while in foster care; the Greyhounds will have been spayed/neutered, teeth cleaned (unless they have been returned by an adopter), and heartworm tested, along with any other medical procedures that may have been necessary.

Giving medication

The foster family will, when necessary, administer medication and follow veterinary instructions regarding the recovery and care of the foster Greyhound.

Participating Veterinarian

Arrangements for medical care are made by a board member or the Foster Coordinator (unless you are otherwise instructed) and scheduled with Abilene Animal Hospital, Piper Heritage Veterinary Clinic or Independence Animal Hospital (Dr. Matt Wingert) who provide services at a reduced cost. Since we are a nonprofit organization, we are not in the position to reimburse foster families for routine medical care provided by their personal vets, if that care could have been provided by one of our veterinarians. Contact a board member for a referral to the veterinarian.

Before and during your visit to the vet

Please remember that Abilene Animal Hospital, Piper Heritage Veterinary Clinic & Independence Animal Hospital discount part of the services they provide. We get a discount for the routine care, office visit, spay or neuter, dental cleaning, heartworm test and more. We are very fortunate that they are so generous with their services.

Keeping in mind that MoKan Greyhound Adoption has a great working relationship with these clinics, please follow these procedures:

- Be patient and polite to everyone you encounter.
- If you are dissatisfied with any treatment or situation that arises while you are visiting the vet, please remember that in this situation you are a representative of MoKan Greyhound Adoption. What you do or say reflects directly on our program. Please do not argue or make a scene. Instead, contact a board member as soon as possible and describe the situation.

Before and After the Spay/Neuter

1. Before the surgery, do not feed the dog after 7pm the night before. Water is fine.
2. After surgery, rest and relaxation are the keys to a speedy recovery. Give your foster a quiet place to rest.
3. No running or jumping for 10-14 days.
4. Check the incision area daily for swelling, redness, bruising, or bleeding. For males, make sure the scrotal area is flat. If the sac appears swollen or full, contact a board member or the doctor who performed the surgery.
5. Do not let the dog chew or lick the stitches. Use a taped muzzle or E-collar if necessary.
6. While the pup may come to you smelling like the kennel, please no baths until the incision is completely healed.

NOTE: The foster should be returned to the veterinarian for stitch removal 10 or 11 days following the surgery unless you are told that dissolving stitches have been used. If you are confident enough to remove the stitches on your own, that is fine as well. Discuss this with the Vet's office when the dog is picked up after surgery. Or if you have obtained the foster from another foster home a few days after surgery, check with them to inquire about stitch removal. Abilene Animal uses dissolving stitches.

Food, Care, and Training

Water and feed

Provide access to fresh, clean water at all times. Feed a high-quality, high-protein kibble. You may need to add water and in some cases mix canned food with the dry kibble to add moisture. A typical grey eats 4 cups of dry daily with a small amount of canned food added if you would like. Also, add some water to help with digestion. Please watch dog's weight and adjust food as necessary.

When possible, MoKan Greyhound Adoption will provide dry and/or canned food that has been donated. Please keep in mind that this food is intended for foster dogs only. We are not able to provide food for volunteers' personal pets. If you need food for your foster, please contact the foster coordinator or a board member.

When feeding your new foster dog, never do so close to your own dogs. They may be protective of their food bowls. Feed the foster dog in a separate room, area or crate and SUPERVISE.

PLEASE DO NOT FREE FEED YOUR FOSTER DOG WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM A BOARD MEMBER.

NEVER FEED:

- Raw meat – it may contain harmful bacteria
- Food that could be spoiled. Discard old food and wash your dog's food and water bowls thoroughly at least once daily.
- Chicken bones, pork bones, or fish bones – these can be swallowed and their sharp ends can pierce the stomach or intestinal walls
- Any bone that could splinter or be swallowed whole
- Supplements – unless prescribed by the veterinarian
- Chocolate – contains theobromine, which is poisonous to dogs
- Alcohol – thirsty dogs can drink fatal amounts quickly

Flea Treatment and Heartworm Preventative

Please keep your foster on schedule with flea treatment and Heartworm Preventative medications. MoKan Greyhound Adoption will attempt to make sure all foster homes have extra heartworm and flea preventative to administer while fostering the dog. At times, you may need to provide this on your own and be reimbursed with MoKan Greyhound Adoption medications later.

Tapeworms

If you see little white worms that look a little like rice in the dog's stool or around its rectum, it is most likely tapeworms. They are not contagious and cannot be passed from one dog to another. They can only be contracted if the dog swallows an infected flea or eats raw meat. If you see tapeworms, your dog needs to get another wormer, call a board member at 816-278-9430.

General Care and Grooming

Check your foster dog frequently for cuts, scrapes, fleas, and ticks. Please provide the necessary treatment. If you are unsure about the treatment, check with the Foster Coordinator or a board member for a safe method of removing ticks or fleas. DO NOT use flea collars. MoKan Greyhound Adoption recommends Advantage flea protection and can either provide this or reimburse reasonable costs to the foster.

It is not unusual to have increased shedding and/or dandruff as well as increased water intake when dogs feel anxious and stressed. Remember increased water intake means an increased need to go to the bathroom.

Groom periodically with a grooming mitt or glove, as most dogs fresh off the track have never had much grooming or bathing. They will probably shed a little and enjoy the attention.

Crate and Muzzle Training

Because your level of expertise with a Greyhound is most likely much more advanced than our typical adopter, foster homes must be committed to using the training tools that will be recommended to the new adoptive family. We will provide a crate and we expect that you will use it when the foster dog cannot be supervised in your home. We will provide a muzzle and we expect that you will use it during times of play with your own dogs and in times that it's not appropriate to crate but supervision isn't possible. We do understand that extenuating circumstances, like causing harm to themselves, may keep a very small number of dogs from being crated however, the decision to use alternate containment methods must be made with the assistance of the Foster Coordinator or a board member. Always keep an eye toward the potential adopter and what will make their adoption an easy one.

It is not typically necessary or advised to make your foster dog sleep in their crate. A dog bed in your bedroom is usually the best place to have them sleep without keeping you awake crying all night.

Housebreaking

Greyhounds come from the track crate-trained, and the transition to housetraining is usually accomplished in a day or two.

- Correct the dog with a firm, "NO!" and take him or her outside immediately. When the dog goes outside, praise profusely. Upon bringing the grey to his/her new foster home, take the dog outside often (every hour or so) to prevent indoor accidents.
- When you are not at home, the dog should be crated or confined to a small area if it has been decided (by the foster coordinator and board) that the dog will hurt itself in a crate.
- Never correct a dog if you don't catch him or her in the act; dogs aren't able to connect your correction with an action that took place five minutes prior.
- Supervise - Do not allow the grey to have free run of the house until you are sure that he or she is housebroken.
- WE CAN PROVIDE WASHABLE BELLY BANDS FOR THE BOYS UPON REQUEST.

Thunderphobia

If you are fostering anytime during thunder, you should be able to determine if your foster Greyhound has thunderphobia and to what degree. They are either bothered by thunder or they are not. If you are uncertain of the best way to help your foster, contact the Foster Coordinator or board member for suggestions to reduce anxiety during thunder.

Handling a Shy Dog or Spook

Sometimes the dogs we receive haven't had many opportunities to be socialized and can be rather shy. In a well meaning attempt to calm their dog's fears, many people end up actually reinforcing the dog's shy behavior. In effect, the owner inadvertently trains the dog to be more fearful. Be careful not to reinforce your dog's fearfulness by offering reassurance. When a timid dog hides, barks defensively, whines, screams or snaps, our response is only natural. Our protective instincts cause us to reassure the dog by talking soothingly, petting or even giving the dog a hug. These actions flagrantly reward the dog for fearful behavior. It is best to just completely ignore your dog when he acts fearful. Let him learn by his own experience that there is nothing to be afraid of. Save your praise and reassurance for times when your foster acts with confidence.

Many times we try to rehabilitate the dog too quickly, forcing them to socialize with other dogs and people. This usually reinforces the dog's view that other dogs and people are frightening. On the one hand, the dog needs to be socialized as quickly as possible, but on the other hand, he should not be forced into it. While we don't want you to force the shy dog into scary situations, we also don't want you to shelter them from those situations. Socializing a dog and helping him build his confidence is a time consuming task. Thrusting him into the arms of every visitor and dragging him out to socialize with many other dogs can be counter-productive. Strangers should never be allowed to approach your dog to pet him. It should always be left to your dog to make the first contact. If your dog does not want to approach, that is OK. Just give him plenty of time to 'hide and peek' and eventually he will come out of hiding. It's up to you to provide ample opportunity for socialization, but it is up to the dog to proceed at his own pace. Don't verbally try to encourage him out of hiding. He will probably interpret your encouragement as praise for hiding. Don't try to force him to come out, this will only frighten him even more.

Destructive Behavior

MoKan Greyhound Adoption will provide you with a muzzle and a crate and we ask that you use them. Dogs that are fresh off the track, new in a home, bored or stressed in any manner may chew and they will go for inappropriate options like furniture, shoes, remotes, child toys and phones. Please train your foster to chew appropriate items such as Kong toys, Nylabones, shank bones, etc. MoKan Greyhound Adoption can provide these items to you as well. If you cannot supervise a dog that chews, please use a muzzle or crate the dog. We understand that accidents happen but, MoKan Greyhound Adoption funds are much better used for medical expenses, food, and the other costs associated with supporting our adoptable dogs. If a donor found out that their donation was used to replace a valuable item in a foster home (because our finances are public information) it could make it very difficult for us to get donations while fundraising. Please take all precautions to protect your valuables from your foster dog.

Walks

Take your foster dog for walks and teach him or her to stroll calmly on a leash. The exercise is good for both of you. For dogs that pull excessively, use a no-pull harness which we will happily provide for you if you ask.

NEVER walk a foster Greyhound on a flexi or retractable lead.

Furniture

DO NOT allow your foster dog to get on the furniture since you don't know if the adopter will allow this or not. Even if they've been on the furniture in previous homes, they CAN be trained to stay off. Again think of the potential adopter first.

Play

Teach your foster Greyhound to play! This is something he or she has probably never done. Greyhounds love soft stuffed animals, especially if they squeak.

Outdoors, Greyhounds can work up fairly good speed, even in a small yard. Look for small stumps or pipes that could break or dislocate a toe, or bushes with sharp, broken branches at the Greyhound eye level. Has it been a while since you've checked your fence for problem areas? Just because your Greyhound is okay in your fence that has a hole in it doesn't mean the new dog will be okay. Also, check for poisonous plants; some of the more deadly plants are:

*Yew	*Water hemlock	*Rhododendron
*Mistletoe	*Milkweed	*Oleander
*English holly berries	*Rattlebox	*Foxglove
*Philodendron	*Corn Cockle	*Castor bean
*Jerusalem cherry	*Jimson weed	
*Azaleas	*Jessamine	

IF YOU HAVE A POOL, BE AWARE THAT WHILE MANY DOGS ARE NATURAL SWIMMERS, GREYHOUNDS ARE NOT AND CANNOT ALWAYS PULL THEMSELVES OUT OF THE POOL! Show them the pool and put them in it so they will know what it is and show them the exit so they might know how to get out.

Your foster dog and other animals

Socialization

SUPERVISE and socialize your foster dog with your own Greyhounds, dogs, cats, and children. Remember – your foster dog has been a racing machine thus far in its life. Your mission is to show this dog how to relax and be a good family pet.

Getting acquainted

Take precautions while you are getting to know the dog's personality, especially when he or she is around other animals and children. Introduce them to one another slowly. NEVER leave the foster dog alone with cats, small pets, or other dogs that have behaved aggressively or dominantly. USE MUZZLES!

We do not advocate the use of physical discipline. Use strong verbal commands as well as eye contact and/or a squirt bottle. If necessary use a muzzle or keep the foster in a crate until the dog exhibits acceptable behavior.

Introducing the foster to your dogs

1. Have them meet on neutral territory; for example, introduce them on the sidewalk in front of your house or down the block.
2. Keep the foster dog on a short leash close to your side. Bring out your dogs on leashes one at a time. Do not let them rush the new dog. Watch for signs of aggression and/or dominance:
 - Head and tail held high, stiff and rigid;
 - Tail held high and wagging stiffly;
 - Raised hairs along the spine from shoulders to tail;
 - Growling or snapping of teeth;
 - One dog attempting to mount the other dog.
 - Immediately correct any show of aggression with a very firm, "NO!"
3. With leashes still on, let them sniff and greet each other, then take them around your property and into the house. If all dogs are behaving well with each other after you have done this, you may remove the leashes, but continue to monitor and supervise. Do not leave the dogs alone unattended until you are 100% positive that all are getting along well. Use your muzzles outside.

BE SAFE! We have provided you with a muzzle and we expect that you will use it when the new dog in your home (the foster dog) is interacting with your personal animals. Even if you are supervising their interaction, an accident can happen in the blink of an eye. Predatory drift can turn play into a fight before you even recognize it. Combine that with thin Greyhound skin and really bad things can happen. Because MoKan Greyhound Adoption has provided you with the tools to keep your dogs safe from this unknown foster dog (a muzzle), MoKan Greyhound Adoption will not be responsible for reimbursing expenses caused if your foster should injure your personal dogs. In some cases it may be smartest to turn them out separately.

Introducing the foster dog to your cats

Introduce the Greyhound to your cat indoors with the Greyhound muzzled and leashed. Hold the leash tightly in your hand. Leave the cat on the floor. Walk toward the cat slowly. If the dog pulls or lunges, gives a sharp pull on the leash and shout “NO!” Correct the dog every time it shows interest in the cat. A spray bottle filled with water is helpful.

If you observe any of the following signs, please inform the Foster Coordinator or a board member:

- Teeth clicking or snapping and ears alert
- Fixed gaze or stare that cannot be broken
- Trembling, locking up, salivating or lurching

Behavior toward small animals

NEVER allow the foster dog to run and play with cats or small dogs – indoors or outdoors. Predatory drift can turn play into a hunt in a flash, and no cat or small dog is fast enough to get out of the way of a determined Greyhound.

Possessive behavior

The foster dog may be possessive of food, toys, and space at first. Your own dogs may begin to exhibit possessive behavior. Do not leave the dogs unsupervised with food, rawhides, toys, etc. Correct all possessive behavior.

Help foster dogs learn the difference between children’s toys and dog toys and don’t allow the foster to play with shoes, socks, towels, clothing, etc. or play tug of war.

The Adoption Process

While the foster Greyhound is in your care, Adoption Representatives will be making home visits to prospective adopters and attempting to find the perfect match for your dog. For this reason, it is important that you keep the Foster Coordinator and board up-to-date regarding your foster dog’s personality, behavior, habits, health, and idiosyncrasies. For instance, you will want to note if the foster dog has begun to limp, has an ear problem, etc. You can find an online Foster Profile form on the volunteer website at www.mokangreyhounds.org/volunteer username: mokanvolunteer, password: greyhound1 and click on Foster Resources. Please keep this profile up-to-date on your dog.

When your foster dog’s profile matches an adopter’s profile, a board member or an Adoption Coordinator will contact you. The family may wish to visit your home to meet the Greyhound. Help the prospective adopters interact with your foster dog and show him or her off to the best of your ability. NEVER let the prospective adopter take the dog home, unless approved first by an Adoption Coordinator.

An Adoption Coordinator will complete the adoption paperwork at your home or at another location. You may or may not be asked to help transport the foster dog to the adoption location. We would appreciate it if you would check the dog for overall cleanliness (ears, eyes, toes, teeth) before turning him or her over to the new family.

A trained Adoption Representative will follow up regularly with the family that adopts your foster dog. You may get updates through that Adoption Representative or you may stay in contact yourself. We try very hard not to overwhelm new adopters with too much contact so please keep that in mind.

FILL OUT THE FOSTER REPORT CARD and give it to the new adopters. The Report Card can be found at the end of this section.

Adoption tips

Exposure, exposure, exposure! Take your foster dog everywhere you possibly can, show off the dog's positive traits, and work on correcting any bad habits. Another tip that you may not have thought about: what you say about your foster dog and Greyhounds in general has a great impact on potential adopters. You can scare them away by jokingly saying the wrong thing. Emphasize your dog's positive qualities, cute expressions, and delightful personality.

Bouncebacks

A bounceback is a dog that has been adopted and is returned to us. When we get a lot of bouncebacks, it makes it harder for us to receive dogs from the tracks and farms. Some of the most common reasons dogs are returned are:

- Housebreaking problems;
- Separation anxiety; and
- Inappropriate behaviors (such as jumping on furniture, people, and counters or excessive pulling on the leash)

Help your foster conquer the above list and "graduate with honors" into his new home! Many families that return their dog will cite behavior problems as the reason they are returning them thereby making the dog 100% at fault whether they were or not. While a board member will share that information with you about your foster dog so you can look for those same problems, never repeat the cause of return to a potential adopter unless you or a MoKan Greyhound Adoption representative has personally experienced that same behavior. If your foster dog does have qualities that the adopter should be aware of and you have questions about how to communicate those qualities without scaring off an adopter, please contact the Foster Coordinator or a board member for guidance. There is a right home for every dog, sometimes it's all in the marketing.

Fostering With Intent - Adoption Process

If you take a foster dog expressly for the purpose of "test driving" them, you have two weeks from the time you take the dog to make the decision to adopt. Extra time will be given on a case-by-case basis.

Fostering With No Intent - Adoption Process

If you accept a foster dog that you are not planning to adopt, but realize at some point that you would like to adopt the dog, you must make this known to the Foster Coordinator or the board as soon as you have made that decision, otherwise the foster will be available to adopt. Once your intentions have been announced, you will have two weeks to finalize the adoption. If that deadline passes without a completed contract, the dog is considered to be available again. REMINDER: once we have started talking to potential adopters it becomes VERY awkward to have to tell them the dog is no longer available.

Placement

When someone wishes to adopt your foster dog, encourage them to seek further information, complete the required reading and fill out an application. However, MAKE NO PROMISES to anyone regarding your foster dog or any of our other dogs. You have no way of knowing how many applications are in process or which dogs are available.

Foster parents play an important role in the placement and adoption process and may be asked to be available to talk to and meet with prospective families.

Going away for the weekend?

If you are going to be away from home, notify the MGA board for alternative placement while you are away. This way the foster can continue to be shown and the dog is with someone who already knows all of the guidelines for caring for a Greyhound. Do not leave town with your foster or leave your foster with a friend or neighbor while you are away without a board member's permission.

The Foster that Doesn't Fit

If you find that the foster you've taken in just isn't working out in your home or you think you've had him too long we need you to tell us. We will assume that your phone calls and e-mails about your foster dog are merely support-seeking phone calls until you say to us "This dog needs to be moved." We will never assume that is what you are trying to tell us unless you tell us. Please remember that moving a foster dog can be very stressful for the dog and the adoption program as a whole.

Almost all new fosters are going to try your patience and even be annoying while they are trying to learn the new rules. You may not love all of them immediately and sometimes, you may not love them at all. In almost every case, if you are patient with them, you will find that they will win your heart. If the dog is merely annoying, we ask that you wait it out.

Perfectly acceptable reasons for asking to move your foster dog are:

- dog is threatening a family member
- dog is threatening another family pet that cannot be kept separated from foster
- dog is causing high level anxiety in your personal pets (for example, causing them to wet and/or soil in the house or causing them to stop eating, not just causing them mild irritation)
- changes in the home environment that make it impossible to continue to foster

If you find that the problems with your foster dog absolutely cannot be worked out, please be patient while we find a new foster home. Expecting that we can move a dog immediately is stressful on all of us and very difficult to pull off.

Overall, the experience of fostering is an extremely rewarding one. Watching the dogs change and develop is unlike any other volunteer experience and seeing that pup make its new family happy is indescribable.

**If you are interested in becoming a foster family, please contact the Foster Coordinator at foster@mokangreyhounds.org for a foster home application and agreement.*

GREYHOUND FOSTER REPORT CARD

Greyhound Name: _____ Date: _____

Foster Home Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

SOCIAL SKILLS:

Knows name and answers to it _____

Comes when called _____

Understands "Good Boy or Girl" _____ Understands "No" _____

Plays with toys _____ Favorite toy _____

Method of correction used _____

A really cute thing he/she does is _____

HOUSE MANNERS:

Plays well with others _____

(children, small dogs, cats, other species, etc.)

Potty Habits _____

(How he asks to go out or if he does, any problems, times out, etc.)

Obeys House Rules _____

(Stays off furniture, counter problem, inappropriate chewing)

SLEEPING HABITS:

Bedtime/Wake Up Time _____

Crated when, how long, feelings about crate _____

Sleeping at night, how long, up at all, etc. _____

PSYCHOLOGICAL:

Fears _____

Enjoys _____

Overall temperament (shy, outgoing, confident, dependent, etc.) _____

Reaction to new situations _____

Likes kids, what ages? _____

DINING PREFERENCES:

Mealtimes _____

Food (brand, amount and how prepared) _____

Favorite Treats _____

OTHER COMMENTS:
