

Greyhound Help & Ideas...by Jan Valentino

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Tools, suggestions and recommendations to help your greyhound and other dogs adjust to "life" or have a happier existence! Please email or call us with your ideas that we can share with others. Please contact GPA Las Vegas @ 702.392.5822 if you need more details or guidance.

Injured or Post Surgical Greyhounds

- 1) **Use a Racing Muzzle** instead of an "E" Collar to prevent your greyhound from chewing licking at their incisions & sutures. They will accept the muzzle much better than the plastic "E" collar & because their necks are so long a fragile & their faces are narrow it's very hard for them to negotiate an "E" Collar. Tape the area on the racing muzzle with duct tape on both sides at the tip so they cannot lick through those openings but leaves enough open space for them to breathe. Call GPA Las Vegas to purchase or borrow a muzzle.
- 2) **Use a short sleeve or long sleeve tee shirt** for your greyhound to wear to cover an injured/surgical area & prevent from licking or chewing that area. Tie up tee shirt with a knot at the waistline using a rubber band.
- 3) **Use an old sock or stocking** to cover injuries on the legs.

Doggy Doors: Make sure your gate is Padlocked at all times & yard is secure from intrusion

Approximate minimum size 11"wide x 27" high. Install door as close to floor as possible so they don't have to step over much of a ledge. Tape up or remove flap initially to help coax hound through and use treats and praise to train. Bring over friendly dog that is doggy door trained to show your hound what to do! Resources: 1) Hale Security Pet Doors <http://halepetdoor.com/> About \$450 for the Top of the Line XT Size. 2) Online, Home Depot, Lowes, Petco, Petsmart

Barriers: Use baby gates and exercise pens in the house to limit your dog's freedom if they are destructive or have accidents. Really helps to get control of the situation and let your dog "earn" their freedom! **Baby Gates:** 36" high - Walmart Baby Section has GERRY brand 36" x 54"

Exercise Pens: Use 36" high w/8-24" sections. Use to block off larger openings in your home by "stringing" across an opening. Online, Catalogues, Petsmart, Petco.

Mulch and Sand - A "Greyt" solution to yards with all desert landscape, no landscape or for use on destroyed lawn areas. Helps soft greyhound footpads and encourages to go potty in their yard. An inexpensive soft, fragrant, absorbent, renewable area for the dogs to use. Can mix sand and mulch together. Get Shredded Bark or Small Mini Nuggets. (DO NOT USE COCOA MULCH which is TOXIC TO ANIMALS)

Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart, Landscape Supply Companies

Elevated Feeders and XL Pet Beds Under \$40.00: Costco, Sams Club, Walmart, Online

Plastic Baby Pools On patio in summer. Many greyhounds love to cool their feet and lay in pool!

Online Pet Catalogues: www.omahavaccine.com, www.drsfostersmith.com