

Greyhound Buying Guide

Listed below are some pointers that may assist you when considering purchasing a Greyhound. They have been broken down into racing greyhound, pup and juvenile.

Pup

The questions that you need to answer are:

1. Does the Bitch (mother) and Dog (father) have a previous track record in producing greyhound performers?
2. Did the Bitch and Dog themselves have good performances as a racing greyhound?
3. Is the breeder a registered breeder with GRSA?
4. Does the breeder have a good reputation on producing previous litters of winning greyhounds?
5. Is the price of the pups at market value?
6. Does the price reflect the age of the pup? Take into account that some costs to rear it depend on its age.
7. Do both the Bitch and Dog have good bloodlines, going back to their parents, grandparents and great grandparents?
8. If the pup is interstate, what are the transportation costs to South Australia and what dog transport are you going to use?
9. Has the pup had all its required vet inspections and vaccinations?

Juvenile

The questions that you need to ask are all of the questions for a pup plus the additional ones below:

1. A juvenile will cost more than a young pup. Due to rearing costs, does the price reflect this properly?
2. Has the dog been broken in (which is the training process to chase the lure and jump from the boxes, as this will add cost to the greyhound's selling price)?
3. If the dog has been broken in, are there any statistics of times and or performance?
4. Has the dog been trialed? If so, where, what track, what distance, and what time? (Note: Most tracks are over 515m distance in SA so a trial time over this distance is your best indication)
5. Is the dog currently registered with a governing body? eg: GRSA
6. Is the current owner a licensed person?
7. Have you had the greyhound vet checked?
8. Have all the relevant transfer of ownership forms been completed?

Racing Greyhound

All the questions listed above should be taken into consideration, but the questions below relate more to the greyhounds racing performance thus far.

1. Why do the current owners wish to sell the greyhound?
2. What is the greyhounds racing performance? How many starts, how many placings, what prize money has it won?
3. What distances has the greyhound run over, at what track and at what times? (As stated above, most races in SA are at 515m, so it is very important that the dog has at least trialed over this distance)
4. Has the greyhound sustained any significant injury during its racing career?
5. Have you obtained a current vet inspection?
6. Has the racing greyhound been before the stewards for an inquiry or been banned for any reason?
7. Who are you going to get to train the greyhound? Which kennels will the greyhound be located at?
8. Have you got a written agreement with your trainer on costs, including kennelling costs?
9. How old is the greyhound? (Greyhounds normally retire between 4 and 5 years of age and they cannot race until they are 16 months of age, so the asking price needs to reflect this).
10. Does the asking price for the greyhound reflect the animal's performance, health and total prize money winnings?

If unsure about any of the above, please contact GRSA's Syndication Officer on the contact details below.



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