



Greyhound Adoption Center's Medical Treatment for Arriving Dogs

Every Greyhound that comes to the Greyhound Adoption Center gets a complete overhaul. Here's what it includes:

- Every greyhound is flea/tick dipped (Vet-Kem) after a bath, which is immediately after we unload the dogs from the transport van.
- Vaccinations given every incoming greyhound include DHLPP, Bordatella, Corona, Giardia and three-year rabies vaccinations.
- Every greyhound is placed on a three-week regimen of Doxycycline as a prophylactic treatment for Ehrlichia, a tick-borne disease.
- Every greyhound is given Cestex for tapeworms, which come from ingesting raw meat, part of the track-dog's diet.
- Every greyhound has blood drawn for a laboratory blood panel. (See enclosed example for extensiveness.)
- If the greyhound is hypothyroid, he is placed on the proper dose of Soloxine, a thyroid supplement, as prescribed by our veterinarian. The dog is sent to his new home with a 30-day supply of Soloxine, again so the owner has time to get a new prescription from his veterinarian.
- Once the blood panel has been returned and the heartworm test shows the dog to be heartworm-negative, the greyhound is given Interceptor, a heartworm, hookworm, roundworm and whipworm medication preventative. We maintain every greyhound on this once-a-month medication for the duration of its stay at our kennel, and we send the new adopter home with the next month's Interceptor so that he has time to get a continuing prescription from his veterinarian.
- We spay/neuter every greyhound. If the initial blood panel indicates that the dog's platelet count is too low for this to be done safely, we continue to care for the greyhound and retest in a few weeks. (Sometimes, just a healthy diet, such as we serve, and better care will result in a more positive platelet outlook.)
- During the spay/neuter procedure, the greyhound's teeth are cleaned and polished, and any extractions that are necessary are done. Ears are deep-cleaned, toenails are clipped, and the dog is given a "body check" for any growths or suspicious indicators. If there are any growths or additional surgical actions are necessary, they are done while the dog is under anesthesia. For example, Sheridan had five tumors removed when she was spayed and had her dentistry. Judge, who arrived with a badly ripped lip, had a little "plastic" surgery to repair a horribly disfigured upper lip. Any greyhound having extractions during dentistry is placed on a 10-day regimen of Amoxicillin.
- Some greyhounds have ear infections; some have arrived with ringworm or other skin conditions. They are all treated with medications prescribed by our veterinarian. If the course of treatment is not concluded by the time the dog leaves for his new home, the medication is sent with him.