**Provided by KyG – a *BIG Thank YOU!!!*, but also:**

* Vet expenses – routine or emergency
	+ Routine care is provided by Dr. Charissa Rexroad at Finchville Animal Hospital, **502.834.7387**

5023 Taylorsville Rd, Finchville KY 40022. Office is in a log house across from Buck Creek Rd.

Directions: I -64 East, exit 32. Turn right (south) about 3.6 miles-driveway on left.

* + **Emergency care**
		- **NON LIFE** threatening emergency care should also be provided by Dr. Rexroad.
		- **If true LIFE THREATENING emergency, then take where you would take your own hound.** If time, call Dr. Rexroad for her recommendation. Just in case, please provide KyG your emergency vet info in advance so arrangements may be made for emergencies only.
* Heartworm and flea/tick preventative will be sent to your house each month for your foster dog.
* Mileage to and from vet and long trips/hauls is reimbursable if a mileage report is submitted
* Dog food – a stipend will be provided to help with dog food. The stipend will be $1 per day, paid at the end of each month.
* Support – One person will be your main contact, you will have other contacts available. Don’t let an issue or situation get out of control, call us when you need to.
* Your foster has been given a personality assessment before being sent to KyG and upon arrival. You must monitor all situations with children and other pets until you have confirmed the assessment.
* We will use pet websites like: Adopt-a-Pet, PetFinder, etc., Facebook, Meet and Greets (M&G), larger events and word of mouth to help your foster find their forever home. We will also utilize our website once it is up and running. KyG will do more interviews on WCHQ, Crescent Hill Radio. KyGreyhounds is already on various Greyhound posting boards.
* Leash, collar, ID tag, jacket are provided. Crate, bedding, bowls are available, upon request.

**Generally what does KyG expect from the Volunteer Caregiver family:**

* You are a key component in the **“Right Hound, Right Home”** process to which KyG will adhere.
* A good way to think of caring for this hound is that you are babysitting them until their home is ready. We hope this will be a short time, but it could be months especially as we are growing and getting the word out that KyG is doing good things.
* Greyhounds must be housed within your home. With low body fat they have difficulty regulating heat and cold. Their time outside should be monitored and not left alone until they adjust.
* Observe the foster in your home & with your family, record notes for the adopter and for KyG.
* KyG desperately needs Volunteer Caregiver families and hope that you find the experience rewarding. Once your foster finds their forever home KyG hopes you will want to be a hero to the next Greyhound who needs help. We can only help hounds based on the number of Volunteer Caregiver families we have.
* Call your support team to coordinate with other volunteers if needed for testing: cat, stair, etc.
* KyG hopes you will want to meet the potential adopters. Your input will be valuable regarding the interaction between your foster and the potential adopters.
* Give us warning if you need to travel so that we can make other arrangements for your foster.
* A tax donation form will be provided to you if expenses exceed reimbursements. Check with your contact person before purchasing as additional supplies may already be available from KyG.

**Specific guidelines from the Volunteer Caregiver family:**

Acclimate - dogs may be fresh from the track & will need to learn how to be a pet. Although an adult dog think of them as a puppy as they have had little, if any exposure to a home. Make sure that your home is puppy safe, random items could be picked up and chewed upon. Greys tend to train quickly to a potty schedule. Teach them about:

* Manners – teach “No” and other basic commands that your own hound may know, no counter surfing or begging, need to be crated(?), do not encourage onto furniture, etc. Consider leaving items to temp them so that you can properly teach them. In addition, consider leaving newspapers down as another learning opportunity. As some Greyhounds like to shred, especially true if newspapers were used in their kennels. Do not teach ‘Sit’ unless your foster is a natural sitter – many Greyhounds cannot physically sit.
* Noises – TV, radio, vacuum, clanging in kitchen, kids, etc.
* House/yard – stairs, hardwood floors, glass doors, fence, potty outside, etc.
* Life – take to parks, car rides, leash walk, pet-friendly businesses, etc.

Personality - Your assessment of the foster helps us find the appropriate forever family:

* Does the foster need a companion or would be ok as an only dog?
* Is the foster good with kids, are they cat/small dog safe?
* Any quirks – food aggression, sleep aggression, separation anxiety, etc?
* Are they a collector? Are missing items found in their bed or possibly ALL the toys.
* Thunder or fireworks issues?

Transport - You will/may need to transport foster(s) for the following reasons:

* To vet for initial well visit. This will need to be setup at your convenience shortly after arrival.
* To vet for routine (if long term foster) or in emergency – see under Vet expenses above.
* To events like Meet & Greets, Barking Bazaar and other.
* To potential adopters for home visits (once when we think we have found the right home).

**(or make arrangements with other volunteers for any of the above if you are unable)**

Most Greyhounds seem to be impossibly sweet. Your foster may be more perfect than you expected or imagined. Oh-oh, are you about to be a ‘foster-fail’. Remember that there are more hounds that need your help as a Volunteer Caregiver. Consider the impact the adoption of your foster will have on the lives of other Greyhounds. Call your support team, if you want our input or guidance. Let KyG know as soon as you believe the hound is already in their forever home, your home. KyG hopes that you will continue to be a Volunteer Caregiver, even if you happen to adopt your foster.

***It’s for the hounds…..thank you so much!***

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