



Dog Adoption Process



Potential new owner

Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare

Step 1 Consider if this is the right time to adopt

Step 2 For those who have never owned a greyhound or walked at the kennels, please contact 01932 251894 and arrange a time to come and meet some of the dogs and take them for a walk, before requesting the homing questionnaire. We have walking areas adjacent to the kennels and will advise you where to go on the day.

Step 3 After meeting the dogs we will send you guidelines and an online Home Check form to complete, you will need to do a short video and submit it to the homing team to review.



Step 4 If you rent, you will need written consent from your Landlord that pets are allowed. Share with the WGWF team

Step 5 We will review your home check questionnaire, the video of your home and (if applicable) your Landlord's authorisation letter

Step 6 We will send a text or call you to arrange a date and time to carry out the home check



Step 7 Home check call (please make sure all members of your household are present)

Step 8 If your home check is successful, please contact us on 01932 251894 or homingteam@hershamhounds.org.uk to organise a visit to meet the dogs.

Step 9 Visit the kennels as per your booking. Please bring all household members (including dogs, if advised)

Step 10 If you meet a dog you love and would like to reserve it for a home trial please let the Kennels know. We will arrange a date and time for you to collect the dog

Step 11 Prepare your house, car and family ready for your new furry friend!



Step 12 Please contact your home checker 3 days and 7 days into your home trial

Step 13 Throughout your trial you will be expected to contact the Kennels

Step 14 ADOPTION: if you chose to adopt your hound a minimum (non-refundable) donation at the time of signing your adoption is £150



Step 15 Purchase any additional essentials you need for your new furry family member. There is a Dog Shop at the Kennels where you can buy everything you'll need

Step 16 We'll book in a video call after your first month with your new hound to see how you're getting on





Dog and Adoption Process

- **Step 1:** Please make sure you **consider the timing of your adoption request** if you wish to adopt a dog from us. Do you have pending commitments; holidays, house move, house refurbishment projects? etc before you start your search. If you do then it would be better to start your search once you are actually in a position to adopt.

Please also be aware that if you have not yet attended the kennels to meet and walk the dogs, then we advise you do so in the first instance, and prior to completing/submitting your homing questionnaire. We do ask that you spend time getting to know this wonderful breed to be confident that you do wish to adopt one in the future.

- **Step 2a:** The first step towards adopting one of our dogs is to **fill in our homing questionnaire** which has been sent to you., along with the Pre-Check Video Guidance leaflet
- **Step 2c:** Please ensure you read our leaflets & FAQ's which are available on the WGW website **prior to completing your questionnaire**. These can help you decide if this is the right breed/time to think of adopting a dog.
 - If you wish to discuss anything prior to completing the form please send us an email to homingteam@hershamhounds.org.uk with the heading **ADOPTION QUERY** with your questions and telephone number and one of the volunteers will give you a call.
 - **NOTE we do not allow any home trials or adoptions to take place over the Christmas and New Year period, particularly if you have young children. This is an understandably exciting time for most people and a newly homed hound can find it incredibly stressful.**
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- **Step 2b** Return the completed homing questionnaire, along with your pre- homecheck video and to homingteam@hershamhounds.org.uk
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The video & homing questionnaire is important because it gives us information about your prior experience with dogs, lifestyle, work commitments and family (human and animal) so that we can recommend suitable dogs to you.

We are sometimes very busy with applications, so please do not worry if it takes up to 3 to 4 days for us to contact you in response to your completed application, although we do always try to respond within 24 hours. Please do not forget to tell us anything important, such as a non secure garden or a cat – as this will be picked up at the home check.

- **Step 3:** If you rent your home, we will require your **landlord's written agreement that pets are allowed** in your home before or shown at the time of your homecheck.
- **Step 4 & 5:** On receiving and reviewing your completed home check questionnaire and your video, one of our homecheck team will contact you by text in the first instance, or by telephone to **arrange a suitable date to carry out the homecheck**.
- **Step 6: Home check call.** We ask that all members of the household be present for your homecheck. This is to make sure that the choice of dog is the right one for your family and lifestyle so everyone is happy.



- **Step 7:** If your home check is successful, and there are no remedial works required, you will then contact the kennels manager directly on 01932 251894 or by email to homingteam@hershamsounds.org.uk to organise a date and time to visit the dogs at the kennels. **Please put "HOMING APPOINTMENT" followed by your name into the Subject Line Heading** .We ask you allow a 3 day period before contacting the kennels to discuss a date. This is to allow the kennels manager to read through your home check report.
- If contacting the manager by telephone please call before 11am or after 2pm and ask for a **HOMING APPOINTMENT**.
- **Step 8: Visit the Hounds at the Kennels:** Please remember to take all members of the family with you. All members of the family have to be in favour of the adoption and agree the choice of dog for it to work in the long term. If you already own other dogs, the kennels manager will advise on bringing these with you to ensure that they participate in choosing their new family member.
- **Step 9:** Should you wish to **reserve a dog** for a home trial this will be agreed by the kennels manager once you provide a date for taking a dog home. A reserve on a dog does not mean the dog is, or will become yours.
- **Step 10: Get your car, home and family ready for your new hound.** Once you have had your home check, you will receive our leaflet via email from your home checker **"Home check Passed! What next!"** Please read this. It contains everything you need to know!
- **Step 11 & 12:** Should you go ahead with a home trial you will be asked to contact your **home checker after your trial begins to see how your dog and you are getting on at Day 3 and Day 7. You will also be expected to contact the kennels manager after 48hrs** to advise on the dogs welfare and ask any questions you may have, and to keep in contact with the manager at regular intervals throughout this trial
- **Step 13 & 14:** If you adopt a dog from us the suggested **minimum** donation at the time of signing your adoption is £150. This donation is not refundable. Your dog will have a house collar, fishtail collar and lead provided. Muzzles can be purchased at the kennels on adopting your hound. All other articles your dog may need are available to purchase at the kennel's shop for a very modest cost, and which sees any profits being used to continue caring for the dogs.
- **Step 15:** You will be asked to contact the kennels manager or home checker **on DAY 7 post adoption** to advise on your dogs progress, and to answer any questions.
- **Your home checker will carry out a one month post adoption video call with you to see how you and your dog are getting along.** Please feel free to ask any questions when you 'see' other again!
- Most of our dogs are neutered prior to homing. In the event that your chosen dog has not yet had this done, discuss this with the kennels manager prior to adoption and what options are available to you. We will expect the dog to be neutered no later than 3 months post adoption. We will contact you to ensure this has been done. The kennels manager can make that appointment with our designated vets on your behalf. Proof of neutering must be provided, (Copy of vet report. Any other medicals problems will have been attended to by the vet and you will be informed of these prior to adoption.



Should your home trial (or adoption) flag up any issues which mean that you need to return with the dog and not proceed to an adoption, please do not see this as a 'fail'. Sometimes for a variety of reasons, a home trial does not continue to adoption. All information you return to us about that dog is extremely valuable in allowing us to further assess what home environment is best suited to them. Please do advise the kennels manager and return with the dog as soon as possible if this point is reached by you during the trial period or post adoption

Thank you

Carol Cowie

Kennel Manager

