



Can you please think very carefully, before adopting?

Dogs – even quiet greyhounds – are a huge responsibility and a lifestyle change. If you have any health issues – please think very carefully and ensure you can look after the dog before applying.

Please also note you do need to be in a position to adopt before applying. Once your home check is done, you need to collect your dog within 3 to 4 days.

Most people don't adopt with the intention of returning the dog BUT!

Too many people do return dogs and usually because they are not following advice – they are over anxious and therefore making the dog anxious – or they don't have the time to commit to settling the dog into life in his new home

If your dog is displaying any odd behaviour – they you need to look at the environment, you have placed him in. We are finding that dogs who are perfectly well behaved in their foster home – are then not well behaved in their 1st forever home – but become well behaved again in the next foster home and then again in their 2nd forever home. If the dog behaves in 3 homes but not 1 home – it is not the dog that has the problem.

A returned/rejected dog is so much harder to rehome

You may just think you are just returning the dog, and all is OK – but the disruption caused to that dog can be immense and can be very damaging for him. The dog will have to go back into kennels (after being in a home) and a “returned” dog is a lot harder to rehome than other dogs.

Please also remember – we are all volunteers at KGR and we can only process so many applications in the time we have – if you give up and return your dog – someone else has missed out on having a dog because we spent our time on you.

It takes months before a dog will settle into your home and lifestyle – have you got the patience?

We are always more than happy to help you settle the dog in and talk you through any problems – but you do have to follow the advice or nothing will change.

You, as the human, must ensure it works. We have become a very throwaway society where it is easier to return a dog than to train a dog. Most rescues are experiencing some people who just give up all too easily – as though they are just returning something to Amazon. When people return a dog – they feel very guilty, so they create a lot of issues and extra work for our rescue.

We are, of course, not talking about the genuine cases – where you may have an illness, lost your job or have to move to somewhere you cannot take the dog – we are talking about just giving up in the first 6 months.

We appreciate this sounds harsh – but for the sake of the dogs please think carefully. We can provide full backup to help settle your dog into your life – but you must be up for the challenge, follow the advice we give and be 100% onboard to help your dog settle into your home and life. You cannot expect the dog to just move into your home and for you to put no effort into making the relationship work.

Please remember the 3-3-3- rule

- It is 3 days before your new dog can even start to relax (so overnight disruption, using the rug as a toilet etc)
- 3 weeks before he even realises, he is staying so starts to learn your routine and
- 3 months before he starts to settle.