

## House Training

Most greyhounds are clean in their kennels and work very well with a routine at home.

House training should start upon your greyhounds arrival in their new home; take them straight into the garden and wait until they do their business, reward them with pairs and a small treat.

Keep repeating this and take your new pet out at regular intervals throughout the day. During this time, it's unlikely they will have had a chance to relieve themselves in the home and will become familiar with the idea that they should do their business outside.

If your greyhounds has an accident indoors, be aware that punishment does not work and can make matters worse.

Any accidents in the home should be washed thoroughly with a solution of biological washing liquid; this will make away the smell and prevent your dog from repeatedly going back to the same spot.

Signs that they need to go to the toilet are restlessness, pacing up & down, circling, whining, or scratching at the door. They will learn quickly, but patience remains important.

If you are struggling with house training, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jenny or Kev at the kennels for some personalised advice.

## Anxiety in Greyhounds

If you've ever been around greyhounds, you will know that a lot of them are attention seekers to say the least. They are already well-socialised and some may find it difficult to be left alone and find it hard to cope.

Issues like this arising can be distressing for both the greyhound and new owner. However, with careful training and management, they can be prevented.

## Increasing Independence

To help build your greyhounds independence, it is important for you to ignore all of your dogs attention-seeking behaviour. This doesn't mean to completely devoid them of attention; it means that you should only initiate that attention when they are relaxed.

For some greyhounds, confinement to a crate can help with separation issues, but this isn't the case for them all. At Seaside Greyhounds, we have crates we have to lend out so you can test whether this would help your new greyhound settle.

## Calm Departures & Greetings

Keeping departures and returns calm can help prevent separation related issues. If you make a big fuss of your greyhound when you leave the house and again when you arrive home, this can create a big contrast to your presence in the household.

It is best to keep your departure low-key and only show your greyhound attention when they are relaxed after arriving home.



## Destructive Behaviour

If your greyhound exhibits destructive behaviour while you're away, this could indicate that your greyhound is either frustrated or bored by your absence. Providing something to do while your gone could help avoid and damage.

Providing something such as a chew-toy, a stuffed KONG, or using an activity feeder can help occupy them, though it's worth finding out what food they like best.

If your greyhound has a habit of destroying items, you can provide a bunch of items which they can safely destroy such as cardboard boxes or tubes, or an old newspaper, though it could get messy. (Better a cardboard box than your sofa, however).



## Punishment

On your return home, if you find that your greyhound has been destructive, soiled, or urinated in the home, it's important that you do not punish them by shouting or by physical means; your greyhound will not know what they have done wrong. Contrary to popular belief, rubbing your greyhounds nose in his faeces or urine will only serve to make them afraid of you, and will not teach them what they have done wrong.

## Anxiety not Improving?

If your greyhound is not showing improvement with separation-related issues, then it's worth getting in touch with Jenny or Kev at the Seaside Greyhounds kennels, your vet, or a qualified pet behaviourist or trainer.

**Visiting The Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors**  
([www.apbc.co.uk](http://www.apbc.co.uk))

or

**The Association of Pet Dog Trainers**  
([www.apdt.co.uk](http://www.apdt.co.uk))

could also be beneficial for further information and guidance.

## About Seaside Greyhounds

Seaside Greyhounds is an independent homing centre for retired greyhounds.

Launched in 2020, we are dedicated to playing our part in ensuring that the UK's racing greyhounds find that loving forever home and comfortable sofa to sleep on.

We are here to help and support you and your greyhound on his/her journey to becoming a greyt pet.

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