From: Lorraine Ramsay

Sent: Friday, 29 July 2022 11:28 AM

To: GWIC

Subject: Fwd: Supplementary questions to you

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From: Lorraine Ramsay

Date: 28 July 2022 at 7:00:51 am AEST

To: Alysha Hardy

Subject: Re: Supplementary questions to you

1. One of the most common physical injuries I have seen on retired greyhounds are hock fractures. The most common psychological injuries are fear, anxiety and reactivity to other dogs.

2. When a greyhound comes into my care it lives at my home. I give every greyhound personal, safe space to decompress. I place no pressure on the greys to mix until they are clearly comfortable to do so.

Diet is extremely important so I feed all greys a high quality mix of fresh and cooked food, suitable, safe bones and a quality additive in Balanced Life. My weekly food bill for the greys is about \$350. When a greyhound comes into my care it is allocated a large crate with comfortable bedding. This gives them a personal and safe place of their own which they eat and sleep in without competition from other dogs. This is an important part of their sense of safety, security and routine.

I ask very little of them, such as any further training until they are comfortable in a basic routine. I judge this on an individual basis.

For greys who have behavioural issues such as fear, history of biting or reactivity to other breeds of dogs for example, I work on a positive verbal and tactile reward basis as well as a process of gradual and risk assessed supervised exposure.

I have my team of helpers who are vital to this training. This includes 2 cats who have assisted me with the greys for 10 years, a cross breed working dog also a 10 year veteran with the greys and more recently a chihuahua and miniature foxy, both rescue dogs.

These pets put "the icing on the cake" for all important good citizen transitioned ex racing greys. There is much work to do to prepare an ex racing greyhound to be a safe and sociable pet. To do it takes time and commitment and a thorough knowledge of the breed and an understanding of the detrimental affects that greyhound racing has on these dogs. I am also fortunate that my own pet greyhounds are wonderful role models for other greys. I have put 2 of them through. Delta Canine Good Citizen courses just to prove their amazing potential. I have also prepared at least 3 greyhounds for their role as Assistance Dogs for their owners. Greyhounds are the most amazing breed, the oldest purest breed on earth which deserves our love, respect and protection and an end to the cruelty of racing.

Regards

Lorraine Ransay (RGNSWCC)

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From: Lorraine Ramsay

Sent: Sunday, 31 July 2022 8:46 AM

To: GWIC

Subject: Re: Supplementary questions to you

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Q3 The most common conditions suffered by greyhounds coming into my rescue now is fear, anxiety and lack of socialisation. The solution to this is to shut the industry down. In the interim I give these greys time, kindness, excellent diet and recovery time before I adopt them into pet homes. They are resilient amazing animals who deserve so much more than being tokens for another social disgrace being gambling.

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Q4 Greyhound owners/ trainers will put greyhounds on Gumtree (free to good home) if rescuers report their condition. So my theory is that the grey is safer being with a rescue. Advertising free greys is a tragedy for the breed in the making ie cross breeding, blood sports and neglect. Greyhounds are the oldest and purest breed and make remarkable pets but sadly because they are the second fastest animal on earth after the cheetah they are exploited even as post racing industry participants. In my opinion greyhound racing fuels the desire for some people to adopt a grey for the wrong reasons.

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