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Fact Sheet: Greyhound

Dog type: hound

History:

- Similar dogs to the greyhound can be traced back over 8000 years to early cave drawings but modern greyhounds are probably descended from Egyptian dogs.
- Greyhounds were popular as hunting dogs in many countries and have excellent eyesight and hearing.
- Greyhounds were trained to chase things and can sprint at 45 miles an hour for very short periods.

Did you know...?

- The Egyptians worshipped a Greyhound-like animal as a god and often showed it on drawings in the tombs of kings.
- The name 'Greyhound' has nothing to do with colour of the dog. There are 16 official coat colours for Greyhounds.
- The name 'Greyhound' may come from the old English word 'gre-hundr' meaning 'dog hunter' or 'high order of rank'.

Greyhounds as pets:

- Like being with people.
- Shy and gentle.
- Easy to train.