



What Do I Feed My New Greyhound?

Retired racing greyhounds are used to a high protein/high fat diet. Therefore it's important to maintain good nutrition, especially during the early weeks of retirement.

When greyhounds are at the adoption kennel, they are normally fed a food equivalent to Purina One Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice. To help transition your hound to his new life in your home, choosing a similar food may be helpful.

As you research a food to feed your hound long-term, please remember this important tip – check the package information. Meat should be the first (primary) food ingredient. Beware of foods that list corn as the primary ingredient, and in fact, corn should be further down the ingredient list. There are many different brands and flavors of dog food available, so choosing the best food for your hound can be difficult.

We recommend choosing a high quality, high protein dog food. Here are a few recommendations:

- Purina One Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice
- Kirkland (Costco brand) Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice
- Exceed (Sam's Club brand) Chicken or Lamb & Rice
- Nutro High Protein (has a greyhound on the bag)
- Canidae Chicken & Rice or All Life Stages (all natural dog food)
- Iams and Science Diet also have some foods with meat as the first ingredient
- Bil-Jac

We also recommend researching the food you purchase for your hound. An excellent resource is www.dogfoodanalysis.com. This website provides a wealth of information about brands as well as brand ratings.

Although it's not necessary to spend a fortune feeding your greyhound, the food you choose can make all the difference to your hound's health and well being.

Feeding Time

Feed your dog in his own area. A raised feeder works well. Moisten the dry kibble with warm water to prevent him from swallowing his food too quickly, which can cause him to choke or cough. Feed your dog twice a day. Depending on his size, a typical feeding is 1 ½ - 2 ½ cups of kibble twice a day. Try to take your dog outside around 20-30 minutes after feeding for a potty break.