

GREYSITTING EXCHANGE

a greyhound-sitting coop
for members of the

SOUTHEASTERN GREYHOUND CLUB

www.greyhoundadoption.org

**SEGC's responsibility is
solely
to provide current information
to SEGC members.
The Club does not screen homes,
recommend sitters or make any
arrangements.**

What is the Exchange? How does it work?

The Exchange is a group of SEGC members who are willing to pet sit your greyhound. The current Roster is available from the coordinator. SEGC members in need of a sitter, should contact the persons on the GreySitting Exchange Roster by phone or email. Do this well in advance of your departure date. It can take time to find someone.

Who can use the GreySitting Exchange Roster?

Any member of SEGC. (Application form is on the website: <http://www.greyhoundadoption.org>)

You do not have to be willing to sit for others. Obviously, the more members who participate, the better the chance of finding a sitter when you need one. Please consider being a part of the group willing to sit.

Who can be on the GreySitting Exchange Roster?

Any member of SEGC who

- has at least **6 months experience** of greyhound ownership
- is willing to take other hounds into their home, and treat them like their own.

Note: Sitters must commit to using a leash to walk guest hounds, unless in a totally enclosed area.

How do I join the GreySitting Exchange?

Contact the coordinator. You will need the following information:

- Name
- Phone #
- Email
- Address
- # of greyhounds you have & their names
- Is your hound crated at night?
- Crated when you are away?
- Is your greyhound cat-safe?
- # of cats in your home?
- Other animals in your home?
- Do you have a fenced yard?
- # of greyhounds you're willing to sit?

What do I pay the sitter?

\$5 per dog per day if you are also a GreySitter.

\$10 per dog per day if you are not. (You must be SEGC member to use the GreySitting Exchange.)

Sitters, consult your Exchange Roster to verify information.

How do I count the days?

Count the number of nights. You may charge/be charged for an extra day if the hound is dropped off very early on arrival day and picked up very late on departure day.

Will my hound be miserable while I'm gone?

The sitter wants your dog to feel as much at home as possible, so will do what is necessary to achieve that.

In this coordinator's experience, there may be a bit of whining or pacing the first day. After that, the presence of the sitter's hound/s, and the sitter's loving attitude to the visiting hound, usually overcomes any loneliness.

My dog is crated. Will the sitter be able to crate also?

Yes, but you will probably have to bring your crate.

What about dog beds? Should I bring one (or more)?

Discuss with your sitter. It is a good idea to bring familiar items such as beds and toys along so your hound will be more comfortable. Your hound and the sitter's hound/s may play musical beds though.

Our hound sleeps on our bed or on the sofa!

That's up to the sitter. Your hound will adjust very quickly to the rules of the sitter's home.

What about food? Medications?

You should bring enough food for your hound, and your sitter will feed on the same schedule as you do. Medications will be given according to your instructions. Also bring treats, enough to share. The sitter will often share treats with your hound, so it's nice to reciprocate.

What if an emergency happens?

You will be asked to sign an agreement with the sitter that includes contact information for yourself and your vet. The agreement also gives the sitter permission to make decisions for your hound and protects the sitter from financial loss due to any situation that arises in your absence. It usually works

to take the visiting hound to the sitter's vet, who will be asked to contact the hound's vet to confer with them.

My dog is used to a fenced yard. What will he do if the sitter doesn't have one?

This information is supplied on the Exchange Roster. You may choose to contact only those with fenced yards if you wish. Usually, leash walking a hound that is used to running free, or vice versa, is not a problem.

My dog does not get along with cats and/or small dogs.

The Exchange Roster has information about other pets in the sitter's home. Be sure to check with your sitter when making arrangements.

My plane is delayed. I'll only be getting back the day after I said I would.

Call the sitter to tell them as soon as you know. Usually people understand about this sort of problem.

My plans changed and I don't need the sitter any longer.

Let the sitter know as soon as you can, so they can be free to sit for someone else.

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