

CIGR PROFILE:

ID# CIGR

Dog's Name:

CIGR Arrival Date:

Foster Care Provider:

Main Area Rep:

Record Keeper:

Sex:

Spay/Neutered:

Color & Markings:

Height:

Weight:

Dog is in perfect weight, overweight or underweight:

Approximate age and DOB if known:

If previously chipped, microchip type and number:

Known Prior Medical History:

Vaccines:

Rabies & tag number:

CIGR Medical History:

This dog is crate trained:

The longest this dog can be confined before a potty break and a free period during the day?

Overnight?

OR, this dog is ex-pen trained:

This dog is trained to potty on lead on grass/dirt:

This dog is trained to potty on lead on concrete:

This dog is trained to potty on lead on paper:

If other, please explain:

This dog needs its teeth brushed daily and is _____ to groom.

This dog needs its nails grinded with a Dremel Rotary Tool 2 times a week and is _____ to groom..

If the nails are groomed as short as possible but are still too long (tapping on floor) you will need to gently file them daily or every other day to get the quicks to recede. If the dog was anesthetized for a dental, spay or other procedure before going home with you, the vet should have cut the nails back as short as possible while the dog is under anesthesia. Ask our foster care provider or rep about this.

This dogs walks nicely on lead (martingale or chain slip collar) or is still learning:

This dog's energy level is Low____ Med____ High____

This dog's personality is Shy____ Reserved____ Outgoing____

Current diet: Innova, Canidae, Solid Gold or other brand (please name):

Current feeding schedule (AM/midday/PM) and measured amount:

How many times per day:

How meal is prepared:

Special feeding instructions:

Dog should be fed in the crate or ex-pen:

Food should be removed after how long: 15 - 20 min.

Kind of treats, chews and toys this dog likes are:

Other special considerations for this dog:

STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS:

You must NEVER assume that an Italian Greyhound that is new to your home is completely housetrained.

1. All free periods should be on lead until s/he gets used to you and the surroundings (at least 3 -4 weeks). The lead can be tied to your waist. This will also help prevent potty accidents. S/he can be off lead but only while you are *actively* interacting with the dog.

2. All potty training, to papers or outside, should be on lead to make sure s/he goes AND get praised. She/he is learning (or knows) "hurry up! Go potty!"

Until the dog is reliable with the potty issue, s/he should be crated (or confined to an ex-pen) on a schedule (at least 4 -6 months). The dog is use to this, but also get bed snuggles during free periods. The dog must be allowed to "earn" its freedom very gradually.

The dog should only have closely supervised free periods for at least the first 6 months.

Familiarize yourself w/ the Crate Training article & schedule on the CIGR website (print out schedules to post and adjust): http://www.cigrescue.org/house_crate.html

3. Once good potty habits are established, daily meals should continue to be fed in the crate with at least an hour confinement time after each meal, for the rest of the dog's life. This will keep the dog used to the crate for travel or emergencies, give the dog a sense of security and can help to avoid stomach upset and bloat.

Make the dog get in the crate BEFORE giving the food. She/he knows the command: "Pop in the Box!"

4. DAILY teeth brushing is required. Familiarize yourself with the CIGR dental article that has numerous photos: <http://www.cigrescue.org/dental.html> Your foster care provider/rep will teach you how to brush the dog's teeth and will offer further assistance until you feel comfortable with this procedure.

5. Nail grooming, 1 or 2 times per week is required. Familiarize yourself with the CIGR nail grooming article and photos: <http://www.cigrescue.org/nails.html> Your foster care provider/rep will teach you how to grind the dog's nails and will offer further assistance until you feel comfortable with this procedure.

6. Since Italian Greyhounds can be naturally a bit shy, please read this article: http://www.cigrescue.org/fear_nervous.html

7. How to communicate with the dog:

All family members and friends must understand and be consistent with commands.

"OFF" means, "get off of me or whatever you are on" because "DOWN" means "lie down".

An abrasive "ACH" is preferable to "NO" and means "never do that".

"ENOUGH" means, "I don't mind you doing that but you must stop doing it for now" (like for barking an alarm).

Use "WAIT" & "OKAY" for everything the dog wants to do and you are going to let it do any way. Make the dog WAIT for you to go out the door first and let it know when it is OKAY for the dog to follow, make the dog WAIT until you say it's OKAY to jump into your lap, make the dog WAIT until you say it's OKAY to eat.

This will reinforce your alpha position and will reassure the dog that you are capable of being a confident pack leader.

Rather than repeatedly nagging a command, follow up with a consequence if the dog doesn't respond the first time such as a bump, a squirt with a water bottle or a collar correction. Consequences should be as mild as possible but emphatic enough to STILL BE EFFECTIVE. Start light until you find your dog's understanding and responsiveness level.

8. Easy bath: Mix 1/2 cup **distilled white vinegar** with 1 quart of warm water. Sponge on, no rinse necessary. Towel dry. This deodorizes, cleans and makes the coat shiny and dander free. I keep a bottle by the door for accidental leg hits.

SHOPPING LIST:

Once the placement is approved here is what you will need to get BEFORE the dog can go home with you (assuming you are still up for the challenge!):

Food These are brands that CIGR advisors have researched and found to be made of the highest quality natural ingredients. We feel that they're much better than the standard "premium" brands like Hill's Science Diet, Ukanuba, IAMS, Pro Plan, etc.:

INNOVA dealer locator: <http://www.naturapet.com/display.php?d=stores-tab>

SOLID GOLD: <http://www.solidgoldheath.com>

CANIDAE: <http://www.canidae.com>

If your dog has been eating a brand other than one you wish to feed you will need a 1 - 2 weeks supply of that food to do a gradual change over to another brand or type of food.

2 - 20 oz. stainless steel coop cups that are commonly sold for parrots. They have a metal ring that clamps to the crate door and stainless steel bowls that lift out for easy changing. (Petco, etc) We advise using one ring only near the door hinge and removing the water while the dog is eating.

Maxi Guard Oral Cleansing Gel for daily brushing & a small soft child's **tooth brush** or the type with 2 sizes of heads from a pet store. The larger head can be cut off:

http://www.petmed.com/acatalog/Online_Catalog_Misc_Products_5.html

The Maxi Guard is near the bottom of the page. (Even though the instructions say you don't have to brush, you do.)

Nolvadent Oral Solution for periodic to weekly antibacterial treatment or daily at first sign of gum recession or inflammation. Available at Dr Foster & Smith: <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/> tel: 1-800-826-7206

#200 Vari-Kennel (also called Petmate Vari-Kennel), not an all wire crate or Kennel-Kab brand. <KK's are too short and too long, perfect for dachshunds, but not IGs. Wire crates don't give the proper level of emotional security and are drafty> Vari-Kennels can be ordered from Drs. Foster & Smith (traditional Vari-Kennel #200 <medium, 27"L x 20"W x 19"H > item #DK-979, \$39.99. <http://www.drsofostersmith.com/> tel: 1-800-826-7206

(If another size crate is necessary due to unusually sized dog, please advise owner):

If you will be gone for extended periods (or as an aid to paper training) you will also need an **Exercise Pen** (set up as a 2' x 4' pen with lid) Gold Line Exercise w/Drop Pins (24" High) - Prec (Precision brand) SKU #: 16-045 (\$44.10)

This can be set up as a 2' x 4' pen, using the extra 2 panels for the lid. If you want it really deluxe you could order the standard, 8-panel pen and get 3 additional single panels (Cherrybrook SKU #:16-029) so you can have a 2' x 6' pen with the 3 extra panels for the lid. <http://www.cherrybrook.com> will have the pen drop-shipped from CA so they really aren't that expensive. NOTE ON EX-PENS: Always have the dog walk out of the pen from the door. Lifting the dog in and out from the top is showing the dog an alternate and UNSAFE route.

Some kind of appropriate and cozy **bedding** for the crate. Excellent dog bedding is made by Cat n Dog Cozies from Judy: (831) 475-1103

For average sized IGs special order the 15" round travel bed in all tapestry (fake fur pills and doesn't last as long) Request double batting in the bottom. The colors and subtle patterns are quite elegant. These beds are durable and reversible without unsightly seams. Machine washable. Using a Cozie crate pad (also requesting double batting) AND the round in the Vari-Kennel is very cushy and deluxe. If your home is drafty or not very warm, many IGs love Judy's Hide-a-Pet, igloo style beds.

Dremel Cordless Rotary Tool (hobby grinder) w/ sanding drum attachment. This is Dremel part #430 (1/4w X 1/2h). The replacement sanding drums are Dremel part #431, and are a coarse texture (#60 grit) for the dog's nails. (Home Depot) Your rescue rep with teach you how to use this before you take your new dog home. A human pedicure **nail file**, made by DiamonDeb is also useful. This is a metal emery file. These can be very difficult to find, try a beauty supply store. As an alternative, you can use the big black files sold at places like Walgreen's. Try to get medium/course grit rather than fine.

Stypic powder such as Tomlyn's Nik-Stop (best dispenser) or Quik-Stop.

An IGs nails should never get long enough to require nail clippers. With clippers you either take off too much or not enough.

A **Martingale collar and lead set** is the safest collar for an Italian Greyhound.

Martingales from: Marial (414) 355-4776 or email- marial@execpc.com
They will send a catalogue. These are well made and very decent.

The best and prettiest Martingales are by Bella Cani Design (Mary Hudson) in NY but availability is dodgy: 607-257-4389

A chain slip collar with a 6' x 1/4" - 1/2 " leather leash is also escape-proof and can be quite useful with some IGs but you must know how to use them properly, Ask your foster care provider or your Main Area Rep if you are having trouble with a dog that pulls.

Collar Safety:

If you want to leave a collar with ID on your dogs use a **break-away buckle**, safety cat collar. These breakaway if the dog hooks them on something while climbing or playing. Avoid the ones that are made with elastic as dogs are not as flexible as cats when it comes to getting out of a collar in an emergency.

Cat collars and non-dangle brass pet ID plate "tag" [Doctors Foster & Smith](#)

A heavier and wider (3/4") dog break-away buckle collar is available from [PetSmart](#). It's called the Premier Break-Away Safety Collar for Dogs.

DO NOT USE HARNESSSES or HEAD HALTERS to walk your IG. Harnesses will either be the type that restricts the natural free shoulder movement of an IG or the non-restrictive type that they can slip out of. The dog also cannot read understandable signals from you with these devices and are a sign of amateur dog ownership. Likewise, BUCKLE COLLARS CAN BE SLIPPED OUT OF IF THE DOG BECOMES PANICKED.

DO NOT USE FLEXI-LEADS. These desensitize the dog's neck to fair corrections and encourages them to pull and to IGNORE YOU.

Toys & Chews: Fuzzy squeekies, tennis balls for supervised play. Greenies, Lamb's ears, Gumabone, cotton rope bone are for confinement periods. See the above profile to see what this dog prefers.

TARPS FOR MAKING A DRY POTTY AREA IN YOUR YARD:

Tarps At Wholesale - 1-888-702-6082 <http://shop.store.yahoo.com/tarpsatwholesale/whitetarps.html>

Additional supplies recommended for this specific dog:

We also have a Basic Supplies page on our web site that has addition stuff like IG coats and books:
http://www.cigrescue.org/basic_supplies.html

CIGR PLACEMENT INFO REQUIRED FOR RESCUE LOG

This information must be filled out and the entire profile sent to the CIGR Record Keeper within 72 hours of dog's placement. It will then be forwarded to the CIGR Treasurer & your Main Area Rep by the Record Keeper.

Date of Placement:

Owner's Name:

Owner's Address:

Owner's e-mail:

Owner's Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone

Dog's New Name:

Placement Fee Amount: \$

Date Sent to Treasurer:

Follow-up Visit Due (approximately 6-8 weeks after placement):

Please e-mail this form as an attachment, or in the body of the e-mail, to: