**Meet Your New Best Friend**

I’m a retired trained athlete, just look at my muscles. Depending on how good I was on the track, I could be just under two years old or up to five years old. I may be male or female, and I come in a variety of colors, all of them, beautiful.

**Here’s a few things you should know about me**

I have some unique characteristics:

I’m very smart, but no one taught me how to sit, heal, stay or play games like catch, but I can learn. I may seem a little confused but I’m easy to train and will try very hard to please. There’s a great book, “Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies” by Lee Livingood that you should read… over and over. I’ll learn best if you motivate me with treats rather than punish me.

Some people thing we greyhounds are hyper or that they need a lot of room for me because I need to run. That’s not right. Sure, I need a good walk every day or a romp in a fenced yard, but I spend most of my day sleeping and a pillow makes it even better. Like most greyhounds, we rarely bark and will learn to tell you that I wish to be with you.

I love with my whole body and may rub up like a cat. Stand still and I’ll lean on you. I’m so gentle, quizzical, sometimes shy and very sensitive so please don’t yell at me. You’ll need to tell me “no” when I do something I shouldn’t, but be nice; firm, but nice.

I tend to be quite sociable with people and other greyhounds, but I never saw a cat or other breed of dog at the track. My GFNJ pals will tell you if they think I can live with a cat.

I like riding in cars. Just be careful I don’t try to bolt out when you open the door! If I do, you might not find me.

Unless I was in a foster home, I know nothing about stairs. I’m not housebroken and need to learn about windows, not to put my feet on the kitchen counters, and about funny household noises, but it’s easy to teach me. Be sure to heap on the praise and reassurance. It won’t take long.

I have keen eyesight, hearing and sense of smell so never let me run loose in an unfenced area. I could see something irresistible and have to run after it. At 45 mph in three strides, I’ll be gone before you know it. I’m used to a leash and love to go for walks. I can learn to heel. Remember, I’m a sprinter so you’ll need to help me work up to jogging with you. Flexi-leads are a huge no-no; I can be severely hurt if I see something, bolt and hit the end of the lead…it could break my neck.

I must live indoors because I have little body fat and a thin skin so I feel the cold and should have a jacket during the winter. I should never be left out in the heat or cold. I should never be hooked to a stake or overhead line. If I bolt, I can snap my neck or break a leg.

I don’t know how to defend myself so PLEASE don’t take me to dog parks with unknown, unmuzzled dogs running loose.