



FAMILY

PLANNING

Italian Greyhounds bond closely with their humans; they thrive on having attention. It is not unusual for people to acquire an Italian Greyhound before they are ready to start a family since IGs bring out strong nurturing natures in people. When children arrive in the home, balancing dog ownership and parenting can present challenges because IGs require a great deal of personal attention as do babies and young children. IGs thrive in calm, quiet households and are often over stressed by the sounds and activities that result when children join a family. Though it may be difficult for you to imagine giving up your "IG baby" for your human baby today, the arrival of children in the home is one of the top reasons that IGs are released to Rescue. We appreciate your understanding our candor in asking about your plans for having children or grandchildren in your home; we want to have the opportunity to talk with you about the most common problems people face when they bring a new baby home. This will help you make an educated decision on whether an IG is going to mesh with your long term family plans. If we fail to ask you about it and children might be in your future, even 10 years from now, please ask your IGCA Rescue Representative about this important topic. We want you to be successful in giving one of our rescue IGs a loving family for life.

A FAMILY FOR LIFE

IGs can live as long as 15 to 18 years. It is our goal to place our rescue IGs in homes that will provide for the dog's health and safety in a loving family environment for the dog's lifetime. The younger the dog you adopt, the longer the commitment. We understand that circumstances can change and people are not always able to keep their rescue IG. If you have significant, upcoming, foreseeable changes in your life (career moves, residential moves, travel ...etc.) that could conflict with giving a rescue IG a life long commitment please review life plans before considering adoption a Rescue dog.