

## IGCA RESCUE APPLICANT – TELEPHONE VISIT

**Applicant:**

**Date:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Volunteer:**

After a good vet reference and positive personal references, the telephone visit is the opportunity to:

- Educate the potential adopter on some of the important and unique characteristics of IGs
- Get to know the applicant beyond what is on their application
- Explore why they want to adopt an IG and what they know about the breed
- Learn more about their lifestyle and family in terms of how a new IG would fit with their family
- Understand how current pets fit within the family structure
- Address critical factors for health of the dog
- Listen for knowledge of the breed or desire to learn how to provide a happy, healthy home

**Before the telephone visit ends, please review the important topics below to insure there was an opportunity to cover them with the applicant:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Addressed?</b>		
• Never off leash & why	Yes	No	
• Feeding high quality kibble, grain free	Yes	No	
• Weight management and why	Yes	No	
• Heartworm prevention	Yes	No	
◦ Suggest avoiding topical – Heartgard is a safe choice			
◦ Dental care	Yes	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brushing teeth ideal			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual dental often required			
• Flight risk & front door safety for these escape artists	Yes	No	
• Water safety & drowning risk:	Yes	No	
◦ Secure barriers to pools, etc. <b>required</b>	Yes	No	
◦ IGs and Children	Yes	No	N/A
▪ Careful supervision with young children	Yes	No	
• Expectations of the dog and children	Yes	No	N/A
• Leg break risk	Yes	No	
◦ If there are stairs, hard surface flooring,			
• Throw rugs or stair treads	Yes	No	
• Barriers for stairs	Yes	No	N/A
◦ Check furniture/beds dog might jump from	Yes	No	
• Toe nails – clipping or filing	Yes	No	
• Correction – right/wrong ways	Yes	No	
◦ Martingales & harnesses	Yes	No	
• In-car restraints – Kennel or harness/seatbelt	Yes	No	
• New pet owners:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finding a vet	Yes	No	
◦ Anesthesia risk	Yes	No	

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Advice & guidance from Rescue community                      Yes    No

What drew you to Italian Greyhounds?

- Do you want an indoor or an outdoor dog?
- Why do you want a rescue Italian Greyhound?
- How did you hear about us?

Did you receive and have a chance to go over the additional educational documents sent when acknowledging the receipt of your application? Any questions?

Tell me about your current dogs/pets in the home?

- Are they all UTD on vaccines?
- Spayed/neutered?
- Do you use heartworm preventative?
- How do your current pets interact
  - With each other
  - With family members

How do you correct your pets if they do something wrong?

Do you own your home or rent? If renting, we require a pet approval document from the property owner stating the type and number of pets allowed.

Do you have a fenced yard?

- Height/material? Is it secure, including the gate? [i.e. Do meter readers and other workers come into the yard?]
- If not fenced, how would the dog get exercise?

Do you have a dog door?

- If so, can it be locked to prevent use/restrict access?
- If yes, are pets allowed free access at all times?
- What type of area does the dog door open into? (Fenced yard? Garage? Unfenced area?)

Willing to take out on lead as often as necessary to relieve itself?

Where do you expect your dog to 'take care of business'?

Do you have a pool? If so, is it IMMEDIATELY fenced so that pet's access is restricted?

How many hours during the day would the dog be alone?

Where would the dog reside while home alone?

Stairs in home?

- Open railings?
- Carpet or treads?

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about crating an animal?

What is the activity level in your home?

Are there frequent visitors to the home, children visitors?

- How are the animals handled when you have guests?

Do you allow pets on the furniture?

Do you travel often, and if so, who would care for your dog while you're away?

Do you consider your pet(s) to be a family member?

### **Volunteer Comments & Recommendation:**

Do you recommend moving this applicant to the Home Visit phase of adoption processing? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your general impression of the applicant based on the conversation:

Please note any reservations you may have about the applicant or their ability to provide a safe and loving home for an IG:

Please note anything regarding the home, IG security & safety, or the applicant about which the volunteer home visitor should be aware and prepared to explore further.

**THANK YOU!!**