

FAQ - Explanations to commonly used expressions in Greyhound write-ups

Cat Trainable: Trainable means *to form by instruction or discipline or to teach so as to make qualified*. So a 'Cat Trainable' dog is one that shows interest in cats while inside a house and can be told "No Kitty!!" and the dog will turn away. This may continue to happen over time, but the prey-drive is not all consuming. Thus the Greyhound is being trained that the cat is not for them.

Cat Tolerant: Tolerant means to be *inclined to allow to be or put up with*. So a 'Cat Tolerant' dog is one that shows little or no interest in cats while inside a house. The Greyhound will usually look and turn away on their own without being told "No Kitty!!" It is best to not let your guard down, but these Greyhounds have little to no prey-drive while in the house. However, being cat tolerant inside the house does not translate to being cat tolerant outside.

Not Cat Trainable: This means that the Greyhound did not pass the 'cat test'. These Greyhounds have a very high prey-drive both inside the house and outside and cannot be distracted from the cat or small animal. These Greyhounds cannot live with cats. A Greyhound that is not cat trainable does not mean the Greyhound is not small dog trainable. They should be tested separately.

Please note:

- Saying that a Greyhound is either 'Cat Trainable' or 'Cat Tolerant' in NO way guarantees that the Greyhound will **never** go after a cat or small animal.
- It is best to keep an eye on your cat and Greyhound when they are together in your home and to never leave them alone together unless the cat has a way to escape. It is always better to be safe.
- **Never** let your Greyhound and your cat outside in the yard together. Outside is fair game for the Greyhound to chase anything – including the cat that he tolerates inside the house!

Best in a home without children (or small children): There can be several different reasons for this.

- The Greyhound may be shy and afraid of children.
- The Greyhound may not be comfortable around children and would not do well with their attention.
- The Greyhound may be young and exuberant and would be likely to accidentally knock small children over and/or step on them.

Must be a single pet household: This means that since the Greyhound has been in GALT's family, experiences have shown that the Greyhound does not get along well with other dogs or other animals. That Greyhound loves being with people but does not want to share people with other animals.