



## **TIPS TO HELP PREVENT YOUR GREYHOUND FROM GETTING LOOSE**

- Padlock all gates to your yard
- Install strong tight hinges on gates so they automatically spring shut
- Do a visual check of all gates not locked before letting the hounds out
- Periodically check your fencing for areas in need of repair
- When a visitor is at the door have another person hold the greyhound or if alone kennel the hound or block them in a safe area
- Install a lock on storm doors or install a hook and eye so the door doesn't open should a hound jump up and accidentally open the door
- Do not leave windows open far enough for a greyhound to jump through the screen
- Check your hound's collar – collars can loosen over time
- Wrap the lead around wrist several times so you have a secure hold that can't be broken easily—or use the “slip knot” method.
- Use a harness for a hound that spooks easily
- Load hounds into and out of a vehicle through the side door versus the hatchback. If possible, have somebody in the vehicle holding the dog
- Be sure automatic garage doors are fully closed before opening up doors to vehicle
- Review tips to prevent hound escape with caregivers in your absence. Be sure they have contact information for GPA-MN so members can help in the search.
- **If your hound is on the run go to the GPA website [www.gpa-mn.org](http://www.gpa-mn.org) and click on Lost Hound for guidance**