

**Date in Foster Home**

01/31/2020

**Hound Information****Registered Name**

High Fidelity

**Call Name**

Fidelity (Kennel nickname: Fidel. Foster home nicknames: Fiddle, Fiddley Faddles, Fido)

**Date of Birth**

04/02/2015

**Gender**

Male

**Color**

Black

**Known Medical Problems**

No

**Heartworm Preventative Administered**

First of the month

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**Comes When Called**

Yes

**Understands "Good"**

Yes

**Plays With Toys**

Yes

**Understands "No"**

Yes

**Method of Correction**

We use verbal reminders for negative behavior (nuh uh/no) and positive reinforcement (praise,treats, etc.) for good behavior. Provide clear, consistent, and regularly enforced boundaries and routines (ex: not allowed on the furniture, go into the crate when we are leaving). Fidelity does really well with these boundaries, once he figures them out he's a respectful dog.

**Small Dog Safe**

Yes

**Comments (Small Dog)**

Fidelity has done well in the backyard with our neighbor's Havenese. He shows interest in trying to play, but no aggression.

### **Cat Safe**

Yes

### **Comments (Cat Safe)**

Fidelity tested cat safe in the kennel.

### **Good With Young Children**

No

### **Comments (Young Children)**

Fidelity does not have an aggressive bone in his body, however, he exhibits some behaviors (ex: sleep startle and jumping/snapping when super excited) that would not make him a good housemate for a small child. He is fine to take out into public, or to have young house guests over (with direct supervision), just not up for sharing his home with a little one on an ongoing basis.

### **Turn Out Routine**

Early morning 7:30am, 2nd morning 9:45am, After work 4:30pm, After dinner 8pm, Bedtime 11pm\*Fidelity does well pottying on and off leash. We primarily use our fenced in backyard, but he LOVES leash walks too.

### **Potty On Lead**

Yes

### **Garbage**

No access to garbage, otherwise he'd be interested.

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## **Stairs**

Fidelity is a pro at stairs.

## **Floors**

Fidelity does well on a variety of hard and soft surfaces.

## **Counters**

Likes to sniff, but hasn't been bad with counter surfing.

## **When is the hound crated?**

- 8 Hour Work Day

## **How does the hound handle being crated?**

Fidelity crates like a dream and often voluntarily spends time in there with the door open. Fidelity is normally crated for about 4-6 hours per day, up to 8 hours, while we are at work. During the Covid Stay at Home period we continued this crating routine while we worked in a different room. He eats meals in his crate, and goes into his crate to receive treats several times a day, so he happily enters his crate and settles down quickly. At night Fido sleeps uncrated in the living room with our other greyhounds.

## **What does the hound enjoy?**

Fido would make an awesome walking partner as he really enjoys brisk leash walks and can go for 2+ miles no problem. He likes to watch squirrels and try to hunt in the backyard. He is highly food motivated and loves his kibble just as much as he loves getting extra treats during the day. Fido really loves attention and is up for a belly or ear rub at just about any point in time. He also enjoys trying to disembowel squeaky toys :).

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## Does the hound have any fears?

Fidelity is easily startled. He's tightly wound in general and highly aware of his sensory surroundings (noise, sights, touch, etc) which can startle him if he's not expecting them. He can become nervous during thunderstorms, however, with a belly rub, music/fan and sometimes a thunder coat he settles right down.

## What type of temperament does the hound have? (Shy, outgoing, confident, etc.)

Fidelity is a really sweet boy. He is anxious, but not shy, he really likes people as soon as he meets them. He will become your shadow following you around the house to see what you are up to. He is an incredibly observant dog and is always listening to the noises around him. When everyone is home and hanging out in the same area, he can be quite lazy and likes to sleep the day away. We believe Fidelity will do best in a home that is willing to keep him stimulated through regular walks (or other play & activities) and who is willing or interested in engaging in positive training with him to help him thrive. Because he is anxious/sensitive, he would not respond well in a home that uses physical punishments, yelling or dominance tactics for training purposes. Here are some of the behaviors that we have been working on:

\*Separation Anxiety - Since Fidelity enjoys companionship as much as he does he may be prone to separation anxiety if he lives as an only dog. We believe he should be able to work through that, however, he may need extra support and patience in order to do so. Engaging in alone training, and having a going away routine have helped to decrease his anxiety whenever we leave.

\* Sleep startle - This is common in greyhounds who are crate trained and therefore not used to people or other dogs touching them when they are fast asleep. They may react/respond to touch by growling or snapping. We generally "let sleeping dogs lie" and double check by calling Fidelity's name before touching him when he is asleep.

\* Hyper mode - When Fidelity is getting ready to do something he is really looking forward to (ex: going for a walk or dinner time) he's prone to getting a overstimulated/overexcited. Fidelity is a mouthy dog (think golden retriever puppy) which comes out in these moments of excitement. He often will bark, jump and snap his mouth, and may nip at any available extremities in those moments. This is absolutely not an aggressive behavior, but could be scary for a small child and could easily be mis-interpreted as biting. We have been working on helping him to calm down in

these moments by placing a hand on his shoulders while repeating "calm" in a quiet voice. He has made progress but will benefit from continued efforts to help him connect calm behavior with actually being able to do these fun things he loves so much!

#### **How does the hound handle new situations?**

Fidelity is pretty anxious in a new environment and may pant and pace for a while before settling down. He will often turn to his humans for reassurance. He learns quickly and behaves once he knows what is expected of him. Establishing boundaries and routines (like alone training, crating, etc.) will help him feel comfortable and know what to do.

#### **What type of food are you currently using?**

1/2 Diamond Beef & Rice, 1/2 Purina Pro Plan FOCUS Adult Sensitive Skin & Stomach Salmon & Rice Formula

#### **Amount of AM feeding**

1.75 cups

#### **Amount of PM feeding**

1.75 cups

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