



Greyhounds are 'greyt'!

Activity Booklet (5-11yrs)

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This activity booklet is all about greyhounds for children aged 5-11 years. You will find:

- A greyhound factsheet
- Two quizzes (greyhound facts)
- Wordsearches x3 (explores feelings)
- Crosswords x 3 (greyhound facts and responsible dog ownership)
- Colouring sheets x 4 (get creative)
- Origami greyhound (paper craft)

A Greyhound is a dog breed that is skinny, has long legs, and runs faster than any other breed of dog. They are one of the oldest breeds of dogs - they are mentioned in the Bible, and a tomb in ancient Egypt has a drawing of a greyhound on the wall. In fact, they can be traced back over 4,000 years!

Greyhounds are built to run up to 45mph. They are sleek, with short coats and a thin, muscular body. Because of their speed, they are used for hunting hare, deer and foxes and racing.

Unfortunately, the life of a racing greyhound is not a kind one. They are forced to run around a circuit so that people can bet on which one will win. Racing greyhounds often get hurt, and some will even die because of their injuries. Racing greyhounds are not treated like family pets, so they do not know what living with and being loved by a family is like.

Racing greyhounds are usually retired between three and five years old – when they are no longer fast enough to run races. But greyhounds can live for up to 14 years, so what happens to them when they can no longer race?

Thankfully, lots of charities exist to find these greyhounds loving homes and greyhounds make 'greyt' pets!

- They are gentle, affectionate and even-tempered.
- They are great with everyone, including children, and some can be trained to live happily with other pets, too.
- Greyhounds are great for families that want a quiet, low-energy dog at home. They can sleep 16 hours a day and only need two or three short walks daily (although they love a good run occasionally).

If you'd like to help greyhounds find their 'fur-ever' homes, please visit [greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/help-us/donate](https://www.greyhoundsinneed.co.uk/help-us/donate)

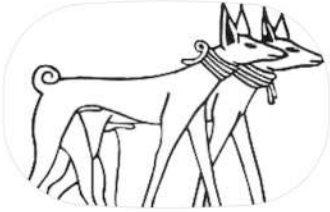
As a charity, we work with the Greyhound Forum in the UK to improve the standards of greyhound racing, improve their lives, and ensure they are treated with respect, looked after, and cared for well.



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Factsheet



Greyhounds are one of the oldest breeds of dogs.

They are calm and gentle.

They can live for up to 14 years.

They love a cuddle.

Greyhounds are sighthounds, a type of hunting dog.

They can run at 45mph – they are fast!

They can jump really high, at least 1.8 metres.

They need three 20-minute walks every day.

They wear coats in the winter as they feel the cold.

They have really good eyesight!
They can see an object 800 metres away!

They can sleep for 16 hours a day.

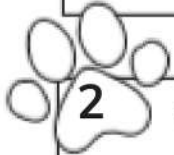


All about greyhounds quiz



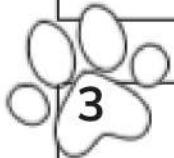
1 What is a greyhound?

- A. A cat
- B. A horse
- C. A dog



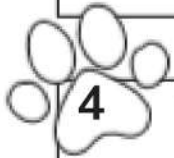
2 What type of dog is a greyhound?

- A. A sighthound
- B. A sniffer dog
- C. A guard dog



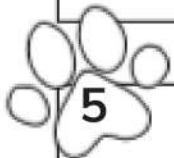
3 How long can a greyhound live?

- A. 1 to 4 years
- B. 12 to 14 years
- C. 8 to 9 years



4 What are greyhounds like?

- A. Calm and gentle
- B. Mad and energetic
- C. Grumpy and fierce



5 How fast can a greyhound run?

- A. 10mph
- B. 45mph
- C. 75mph



6 How high can a greyhound jump?

- A. 3 metres
- B. 5 metres
- C. 1.8 metres



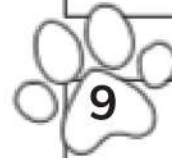
7 How far away can a greyhound see an object?

- A. 800 metres
- B. 100 metres
- C. 250 metres



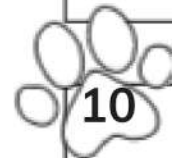
8 How much exercise does a greyhound need?

- A. Three 20 minute walks
- B. One 2 hour walk
- C. Two 15 minute walks



9 How much sleep do greyhounds need?

- A. 1 hour
- B. 4 hours
- C. 16 hours



10 What do greyhounds love?

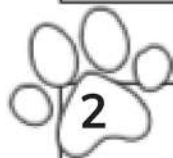
- A. Cuddles
- B. Sleeping
- C. Both of the above

True or false greyhound quiz



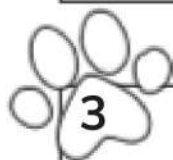
**Greyhounds can run at
100mph**

True / False



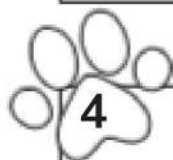
**Greyhounds have terrible
eyesight**

True / False



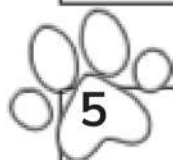
**Greyhounds only sleep
for 8 hours**

True / False



**Greyhounds need hours
and hours of exercise**

True / False



**Greyhounds are
calm and gentle**

True / False



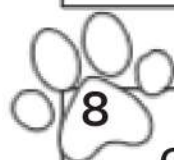
**Greyhounds can live for
14 years**

True / False



**Greyhounds love
cuddles**

True / False



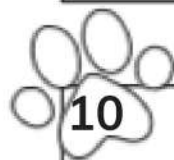
**Greyhounds have feelings
just like us**

True / False



**Hundred of racing
greyhounds get hurt every
year**

True / False



**Greyhounds make
wonderful pets**

True / False

Wordsearch



Abandoned!



This greyhound has been abandoned. Can you find the words that describe how they might be feeling?

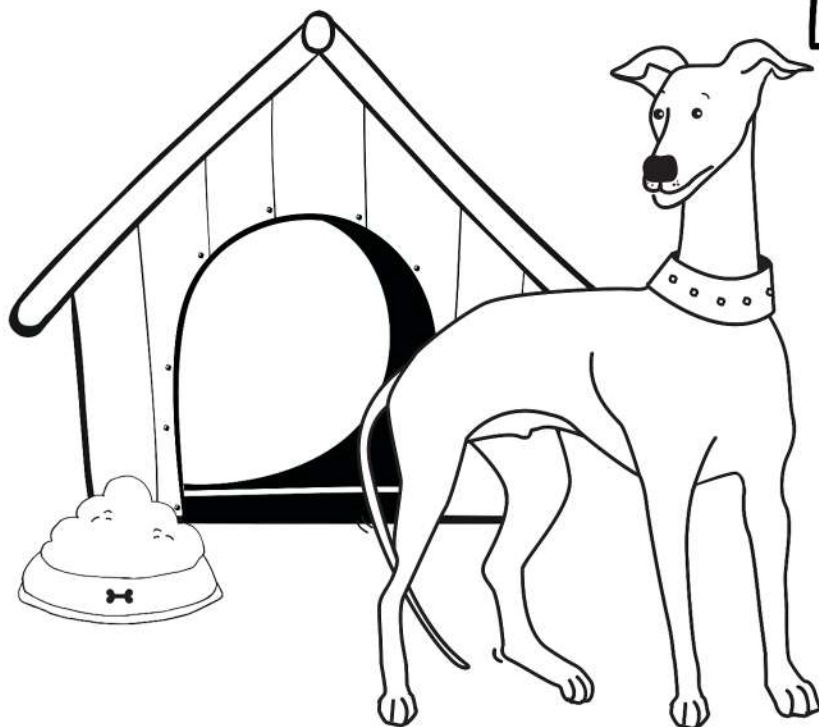
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Word List

sad
tired
thirsty
hungry
lonely
cold
scared

Hint: Words read across or down

Wordsearch



Rescued!



This greyhound has been rescued and is entering the rehoming centre for the first time. Can you find the words that describe how they might be feeling?

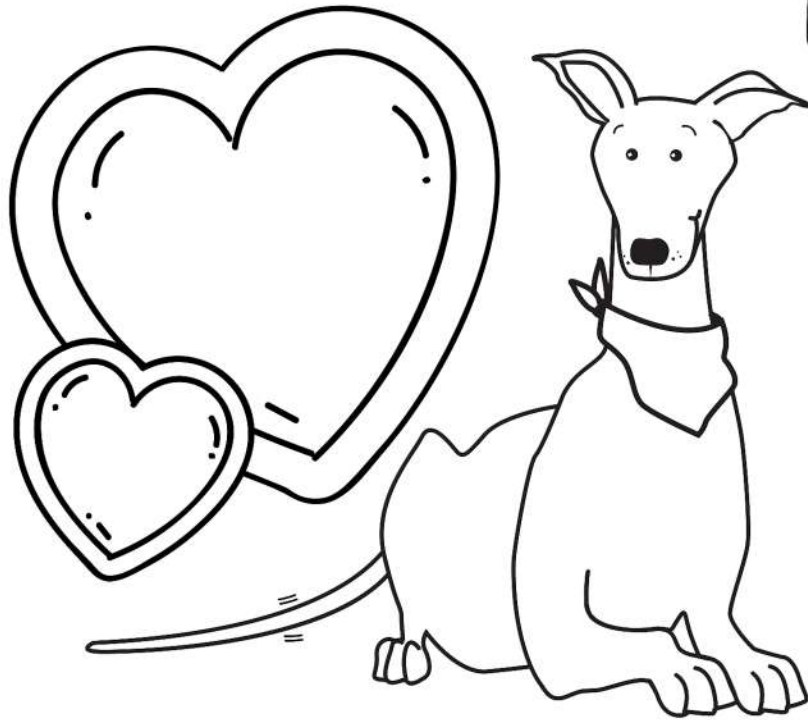
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Word List

shocked
frightened
worried
surprised
excited
confused
interested
happy
nervous

Hint: Words read across or down

Wordsearch



A new life!



Hurray, this greyhound has been found a new family to love and care for them. Can you find the words that describe how they might be feeling?

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Word List

worried
excited
confused
interested
nervous
happy
anxious
safe
stressed
content

Hint: Words read in any direction

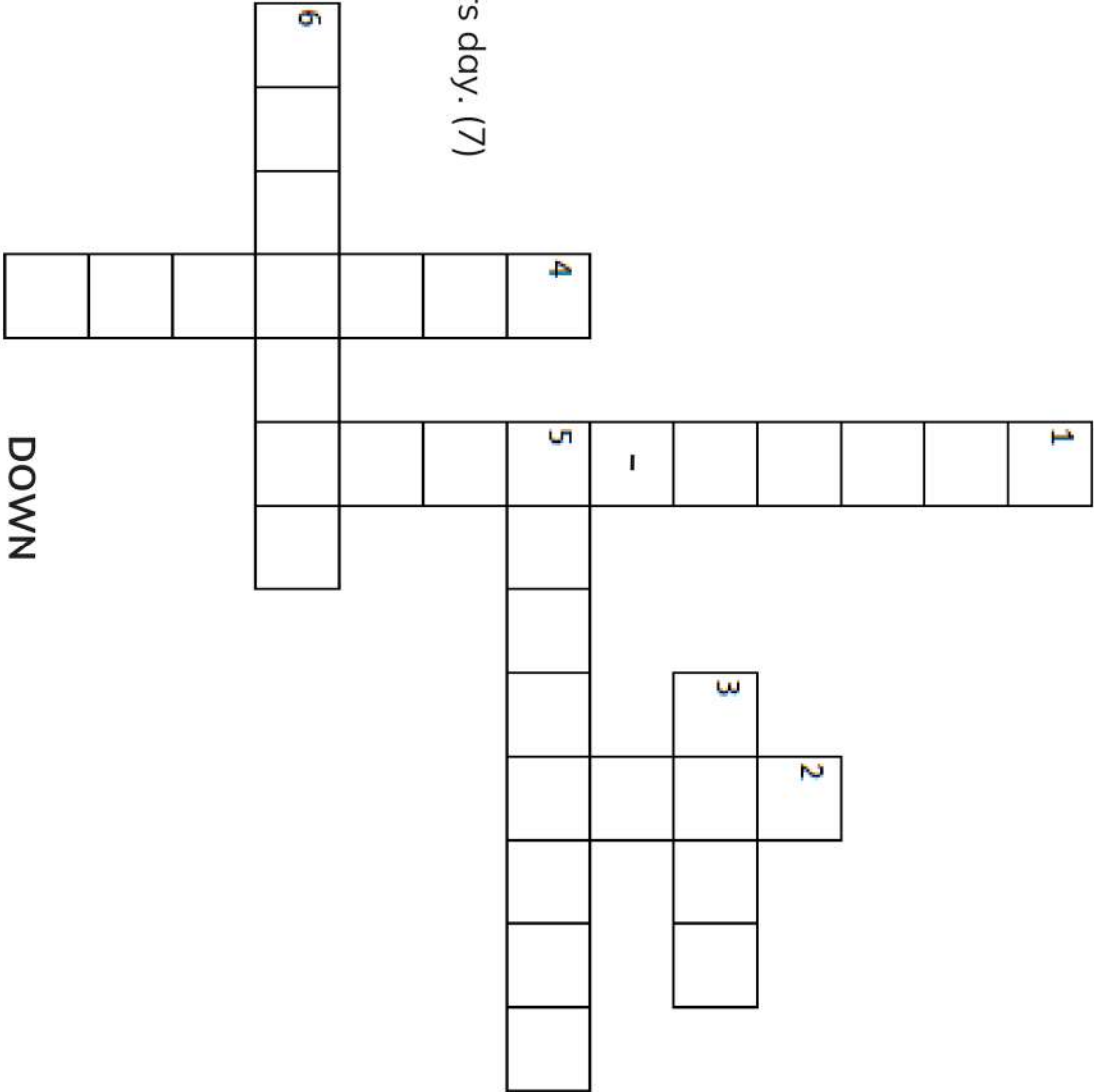
Crosswords



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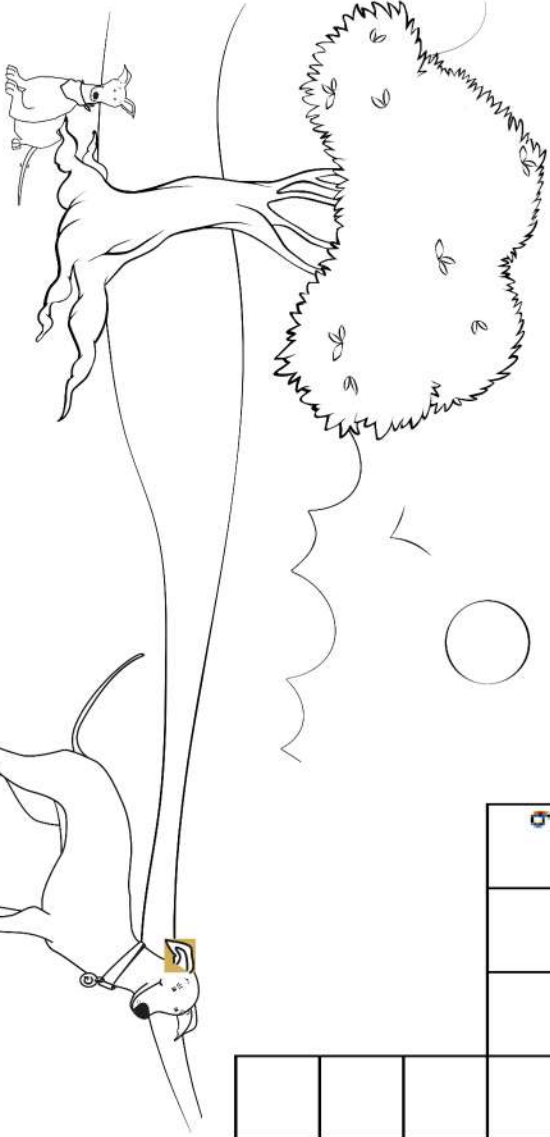
ACROSS

- 3 Greyhounds are _ _ _ _ _ and gentle. (4)
5 How long can a greyhound live? (8)
6 Greyhounds can sleep for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ hours day. (7)



DOWN

- 1 Greyhounds can run at _ _ _ _ _ _ _ mph. (9)
2 Greyhounds are the opposite of slow. (4)
4 Greyhounds are bred for racing and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ . (7)



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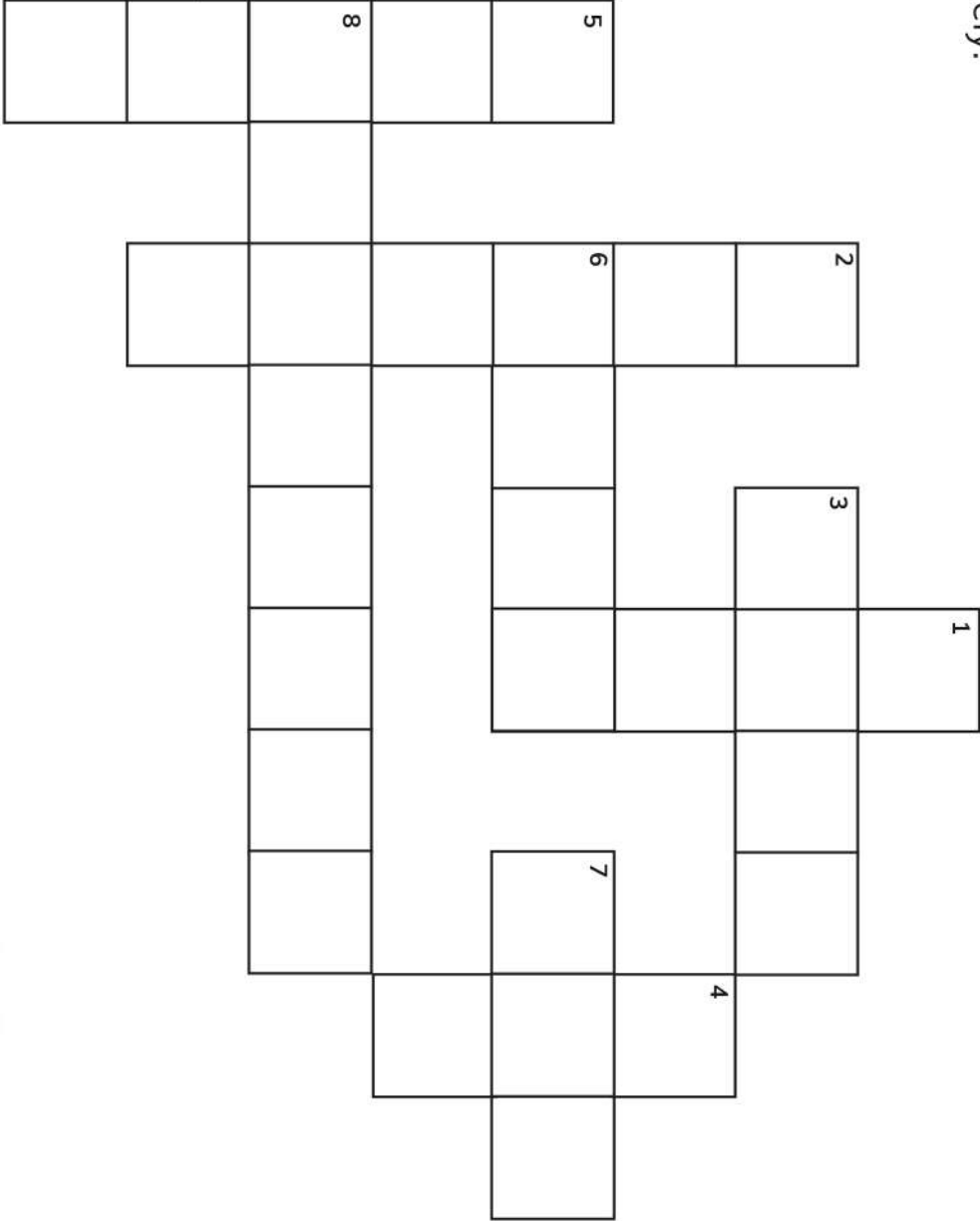
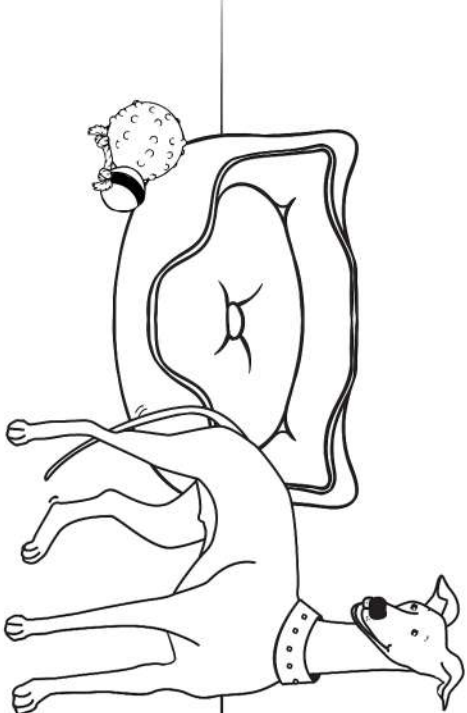
- 3 They like to play with these.
- 6 Attaches to their collar so they can be walked safely.
- 7 They visit this person to keep them healthy.
- 8 You do this with them so they are well behaved.

What do dogs need?



DOWN

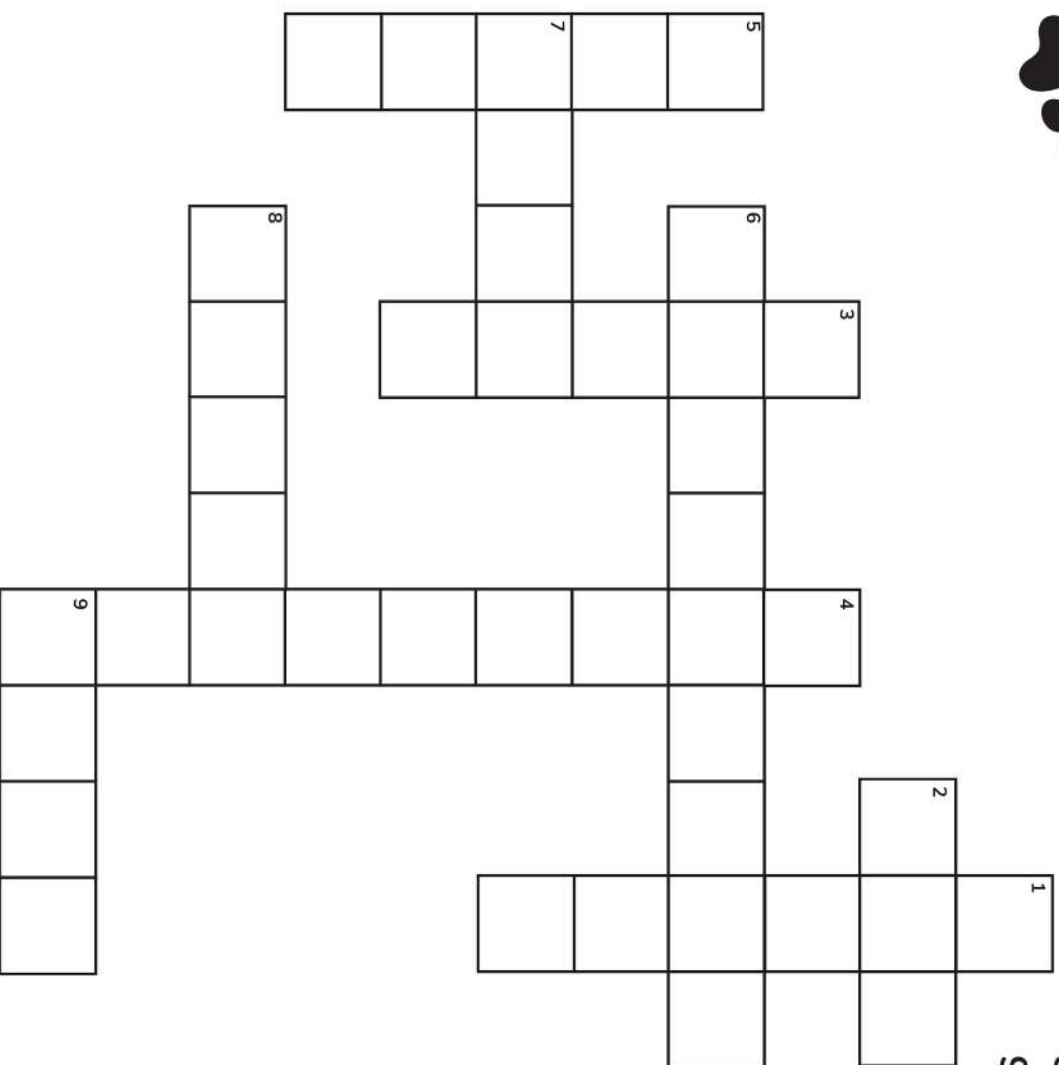
- 1 Something to eat.
- 2 Something to wear around their neck.
- 4 Something to sleep in.
- 5 They drink this.



Crosswords



How do we take care of dogs?

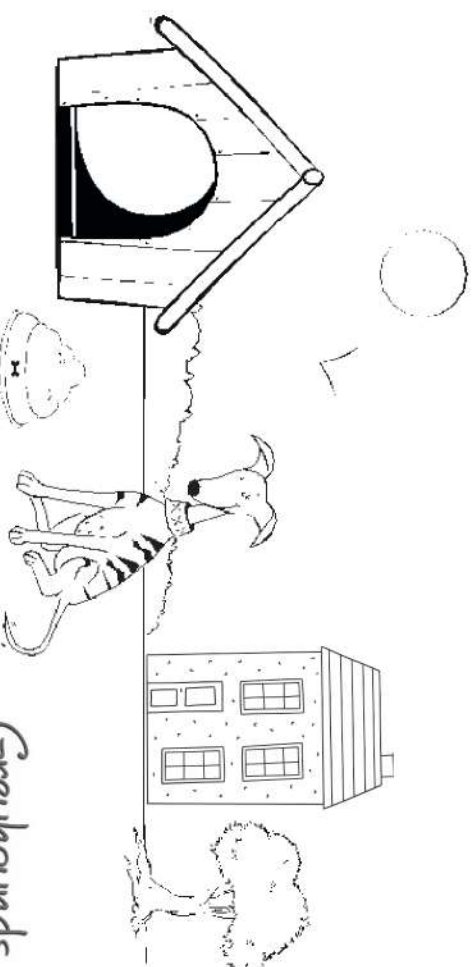


ACROSS

- 2 We need to do this so they are never hungry.
- 6 The vet does this to keep them safe from disease.
- 7 We show them we feel this, so they feel safe and cared for.
- 8 We do this to their fur to keep them clean and shiny.
- 9 We do this with them so they have fun.

DOWN

- 1 The vet does this to prevent unwanted puppies.
- 3 We provide this so they are never thirsty.
- 4 The vet implants this so they can be returned if they get lost.
- 5 We take them on these to keep them fit.



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Use the number key to colour in Rosa.



Rosa



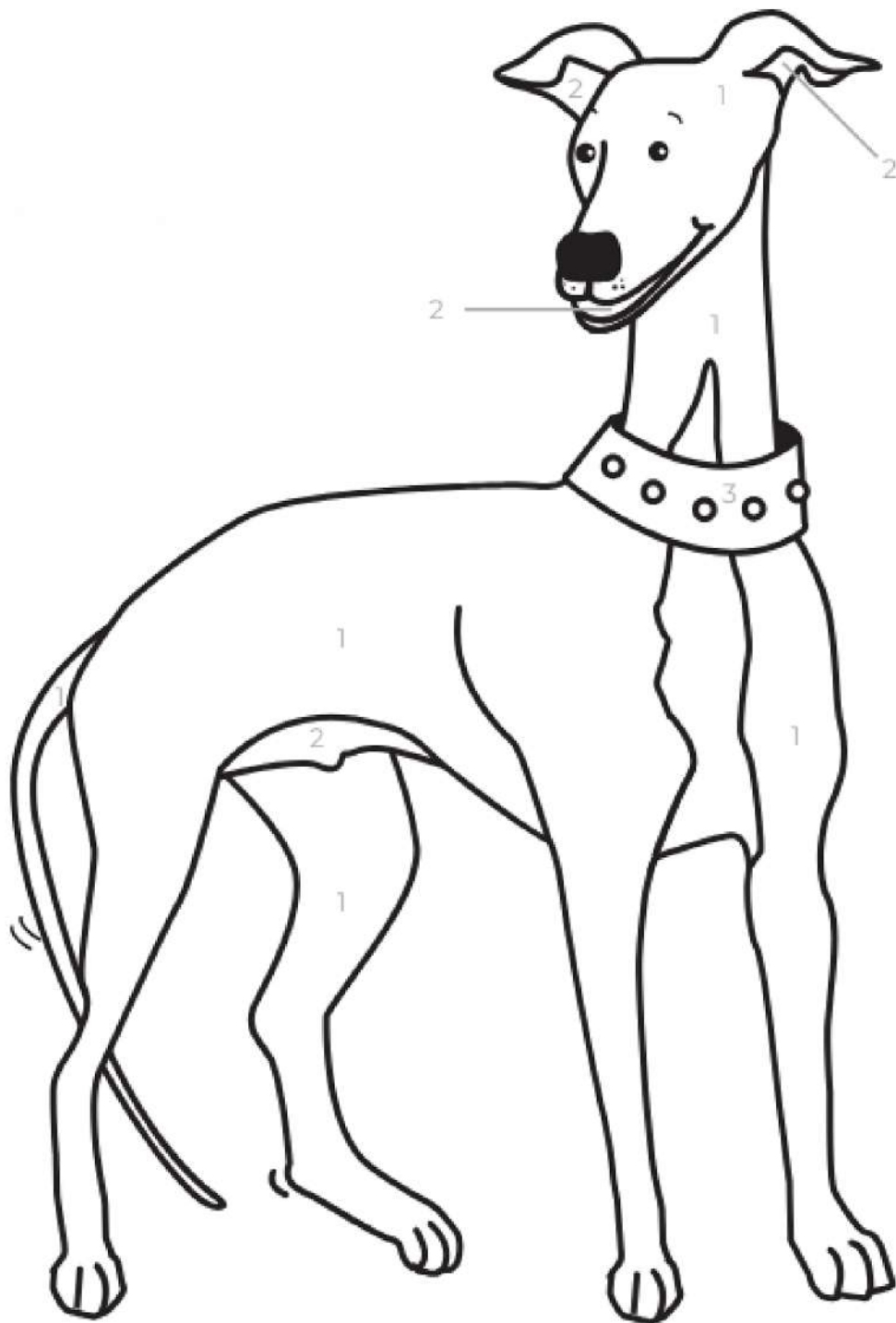
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- 1 Gold/yellow
- 2 Brown
- 3 Pink

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Colour by numbers

Use the number key to colour in Pietro.



PIETRO

Number key:

- 1 Brown
- 2 Pink
- 3 Blue

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Colour by numbers

Use the number key to colour in Spike.



Number key:

- 1 Light grey
- 2 Dark grey
- 3 Pink
- 4 Orange

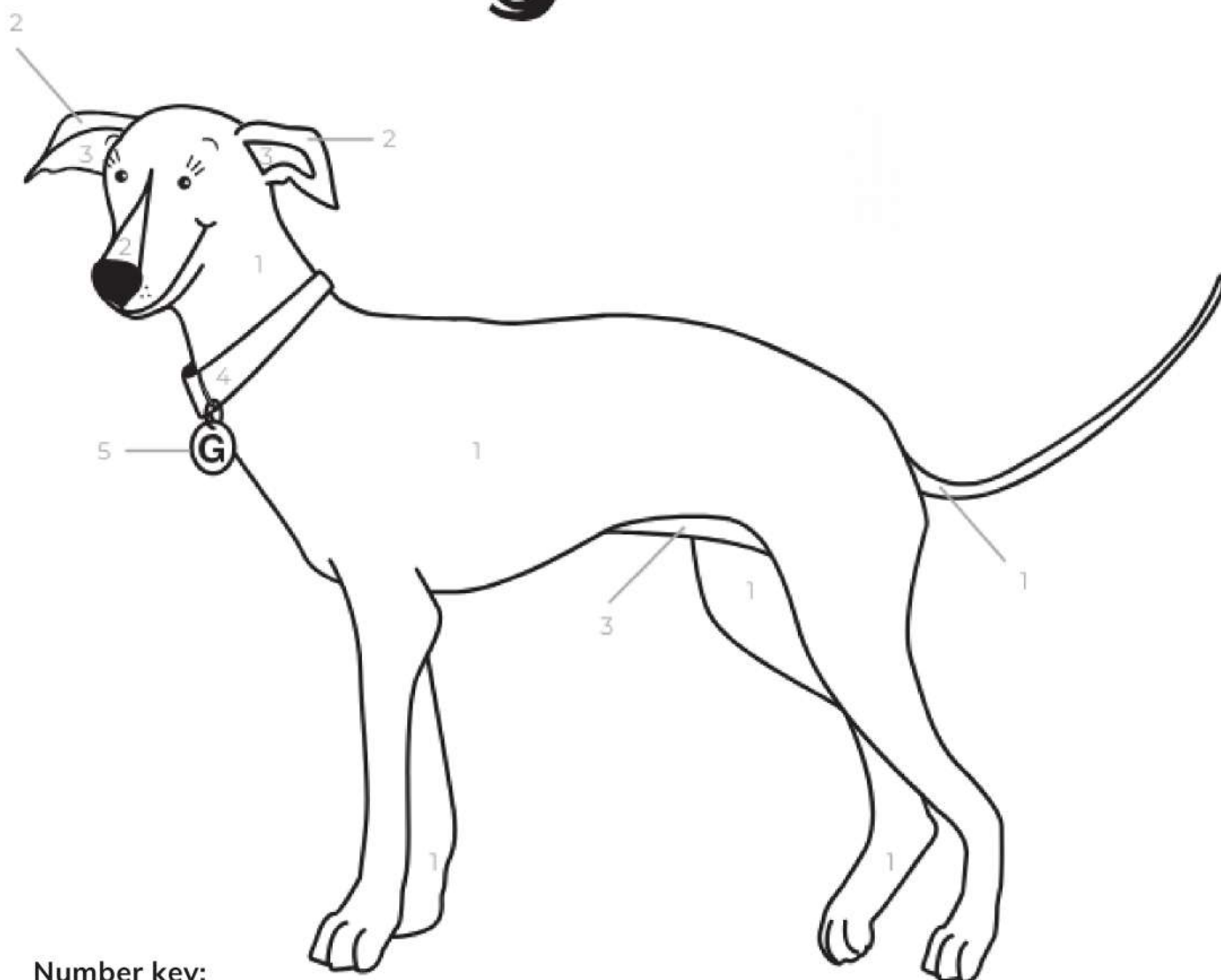
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Ginny



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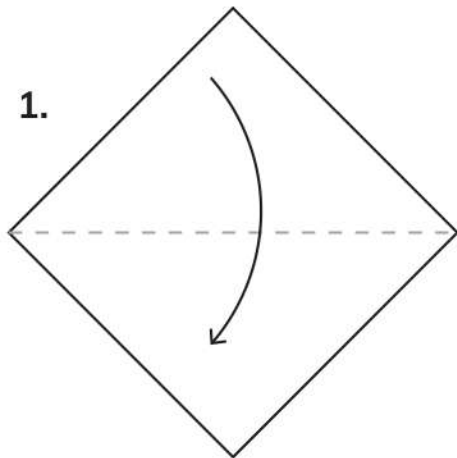
- 1 Light brown
- 2 Dark brown
- 3 Pink
- 4 Green
- 5 Gold/yellow

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Origami Greyhound

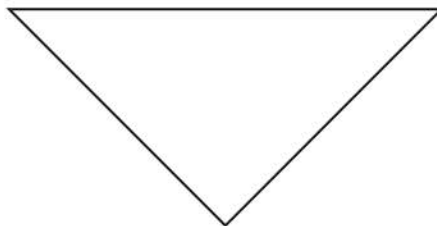
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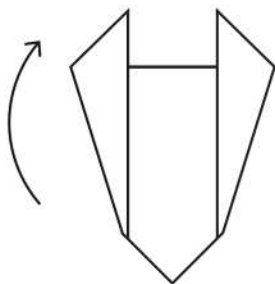


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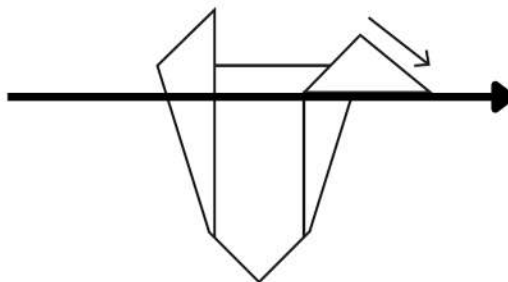
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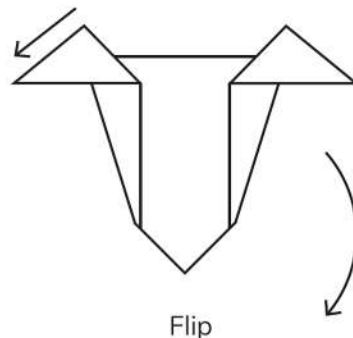
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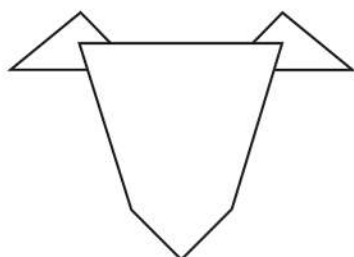
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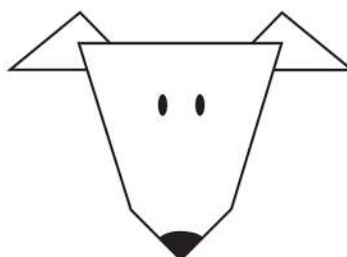
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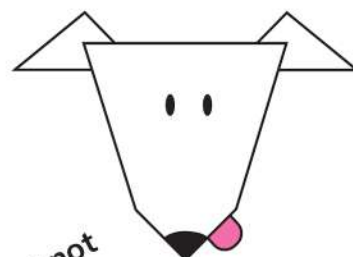


8.



Draw on
eyes and
nose

9.



Why not
add a
tongue?

Origami Greyhound Template

CUT OUT FOLD

