

***“Lurchers are loyal, comical, sweet and loving dogs who thrive on attention and human companionship.”***

If you are interested in adopting a Lurcher, we can direct you to an adoption group in your area. Do you think a Lurcher will fit into your lifestyle? Questions to ask before adopting a Lurcher: Do I have the time and attention needed to devote to the dog? Am I willing to make this commitment for the rest of the dog's life?

#### **How Your Donation Helps!**

- ✓ Transport costs
  - ✓ Foster costs - food, beds, bowls, crates
  - ✓ Collars, leashes, medications
  - ✓ Temporary boarding
  - ✓ Spay/Neuter/vaccinations/Misc. Medical
- 100% of donations go to the Lurchers**

*We are an all volunteer Non-Profit Group. We are not yet a 501c3 organization but plan to be soon.*

#### **FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!!**

Would you like to help us with these special hounds? We are in urgent need of foster homes either short-term which may involve a week to a month, or long-term which could be a month to three months. For more information, please contact us and we will be happy to answer any questions. ***“If you adopt, you can save one, but if you foster, you can save many.”***

#### **Children and Lurchers**

Many of the Lurchers are raised on farms and are very used to playing and being around kids of all ages. Some of the Lurchers absolutely adore children and some make wonderful therapy dogs.

Young children should never be left unsupervised with ANY dog. Families should wait until they are sure the children are able to: Respect the dog's space, stay out of the dog's crate, stay off the dog's bed, not pull ears or poke eyes, and allow the dog to rest undisturbed. Your adoption group will be able to advise you more about Lurchers and children.

#### **Lurchers as Pets**

- Easy to teach (things like housebreaking, stairs, glass doors, etc.) and are highly intelligent
- Are loyal, good natured, funny, and eager to please
- Are athletic
- Usually adopted around the age of 2-10 years old and can live for 12-14 years
- Come in different sizes, colors, and ages, but Lurchers tend to be smaller than most Greyhounds
- Are very social, loving and affectionate
- Usually adapt quickly to other dogs and some can share a home with other pets such as cats
- Like to be with you. They like to do what you do. If you lie around, they will. If you romp and play, they will. If you go for a walk, they will. They are very adaptable.
- **MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH OR IN A FENCED YARD.** Invisible/underground fencing is not an acceptable containment system for Lurchers. Lurchers can run very fast and invisible fencing will not hold them back once they reach that speed.
- They require little grooming and usually eat about four cups a day of a good quality dog food.
- Are chemical sensitive like the Greyhound. Precautions must be taken for use of pesticides for flea/tick prevention and for lawn and garden care.
- **MUST LIVE INDOORS.** They have low body fat and are not tolerant of extreme temperatures.
- Make a great traveling companion.

#### **Lurchers as Family Members**

Lurchers make wonderful companions. They are intelligent, social, and take to housetraining quickly with TLC and patience. They also excel at sleeping. Lurchers have unique qualities that may present some challenges, however, once they adapt to your home and lifestyle, they will be one of the most endearing animal companions that you've ever known. They will reward you with everlasting love for many years.

Most of our Lurchers have lived on farms and are used to being around other breeds of dogs. Many live with small dogs as well as larger dogs. Not all of them are good with toy breeds or kitties.

## **North American Lurcher Project aka Ohio Lurcher Project**



### **Saving the Underdogs of Underground Racing**

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***Adopting one Lurcher may not change  
the world, but the world will surely  
change for that one Lurcher.***

## Our Mission

An exciting movement is underway to save the American Lurchers. OLP stands for the Ohio Lurcher Project, a team of dedicated volunteers who are concerned about the plight of the American Lurchers — the underdogs of underground racing. Our love for the retired racing Greyhounds has drawn us together to help the Lurchers who have often been forgotten. We hope to make a difference by helping Lurchers find loving forever homes through transport of these dogs to responsible adoption groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Our mission is to rescue Lurchers who have been abandoned or are no longer wanted, to promote adoption of Lurchers, and raise awareness of their plight through social media, networking, and the generous support of a caring community.

## What We Do

The North American Lurcher Project also known as the Ohio Lurcher Project works on behalf of the Lurchers to get them to responsible adoption groups. We also recover and assist the NGA Greyhounds who have found their way into the field racing industry for breeding. We believe these wonderful dogs deserve a second chance to live a life in a real home and have a loving family. Please pass the word or consider adopting one of these sweet and loving dogs. We can put you in touch with groups that have them. We are not yet an adoption group, but we rescue and transport the dogs to groups throughout the United States and Canada.

If you are an adoption or all breed rescue group who may be interested in helping the Lurchers, please contact us. We would love to talk to you

## How You Can Help

### Transport Help Needed!!! S.O.S.

Drivers Needed! Transport is critical to our success. We are in need of volunteers in many states to help transport the dogs. Most of the Lurchers go to groups many miles away. Transport is extremely important in helping the Lurchers find their forever homes. If you can assist with transport, we would love to speak with YOU!

## Volunteer with Us

We are always looking to add new volunteers to our organization.

## Donate/Shop

Please visit our Ohio Lurcher Face Book page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/ohiolurchers/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ohiolurchers/)

Ohio Lurcher Project Fundraiser page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206564622856291/>

The Lurcher Store:

<http://ohiolurcherproject.webs.com/apps/webstore>

PayPal Address: [ohiolurchers@gmail.com](mailto:ohiolurchers@gmail.com)

## Spread the Word

If you know of a group who may be able to take a Lurcher or two, please contact us. The Ohio Lurcher Project Team can assist with transport and basic medical. We are eager to talk to groups — either Greyhound adoption or all breed rescues — who would love to help with taking these special dogs. Without adoption/rescue groups, the Lurchers will not get their second chance.

## What is a Lurcher?

By definition: [lurch-er] Hunting dog: A long-limbed crossbred dog that has predominant greyhound features. Lurchers are ancient dogs and are documented in medieval manuscripts such as the *Book of Kells*. It is in the tales of Irish heroes where we come across the strongest evidence of the importance of hounds to any Celtic culture. In old England, commoners were not allowed to own Greyhounds, but they were allowed to own lurchers. They depended on the lurchers to hunt small animals and to put food on the table for their families. A lurcher is not a specific dog breed; it is a type of dog. By definition, a lurcher is a sighthound cross, most often part Greyhound. Lurchers are defined in different ways depending on what part of the world you are from. Most of the Lurchers that we rescue are 7/8<sup>th</sup> Greyhound and 1/8<sup>th</sup> Coonhound. The typical Midwestern Lurcher is the result of a NGA registered Greyhound, or what the field trial industry calls a full-blood, being bred with a Coonhound.

The most common Lurcher trait is their deep love of people. Many of the Midwest Lurchers that we help have had a bad start in life and have lived their entire life outside

on a chain. When they are no longer fast enough or starting losing races, they are disposed of — often in very inhumane ways. The field trial races are more hazardous than NGA greyhound racing and many Lurchers are severely injured or killed each year. There are 5,000 racing lurchers in the Midwest. Lurchers are Greyhounds with a little something "extra." We find these dogs to be affectionate, loyal, obedient, and social, as most have lived with other dogs. People who have adopted them say they are highly intelligent, very athletic, and possess a sense of humor. Lurchers are deeply appreciative of finding a home where they can live inside and be loved. Like many Greyhounds, they excel at roaching, hanging out with the human, and playing with stuffed toys. Many lurchers will also play ball with you. Most Lurchers have never seen toys, treats, or had the luxury of a sleeping on a soft bed inside a house. Depending on their age and the type of breed they are mixed with, some Lurchers may be more energetic than Greyhounds, but yet possess many of the endearing characteristics that Greyhound lovers adore. They love being with their "people" and are very loving and affectionate dogs. Lurchers do best in a fenced yard.

As with most breeds of dogs, they are all unique and have different personalities. Some of the Lurchers are initially timid or on the shy side, but most warm up quickly once they are treated with kindness and they feel secure. Others are outgoing and take to their new lives within a couple days. Some have had no basic training and may benefit and enjoy obedience classes. Lurchers have a wonderful strong spirit and are very appreciative of their new home and family.

