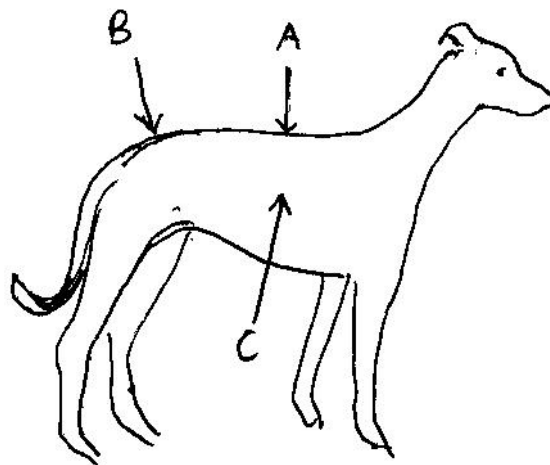


# Greyhound Rescue West of England

## Feeding Your Dog

Greyhounds and Lurchers tend to do best on complete diets. Some find high protein diets too rich and some diets can make some dogs 'hyper'. Take time to find out what suits your dog best. Be aware though, that sudden changes of diet will probably give your dog diarrhoea, and he may suffer from that when he first experiences the changes that being in a new home brings.

Having a small digestive system your dog will do best on two meals a day. As a rough guide the total daily intake for a small greyhound/lurcher is about 350grammes and for a huge one about 450grammes, but like us, they vary individually and you need to keep an eye on your dog's condition and adjust the food accordingly. Use the chart below.



- A) You should be able to feel but not see three vertebra
- B) You should be able to feel but not see the hip bones on either side
- C) You should be able to feel but not see three ribs.

Your dog will need a raised food bowl. Deep chested dogs find it difficult to eat off floor level. Your local pet shop should be able to provide a raised stand. Make sure your dog has access to clean water at all times.

If his coat is dull it will soon improve if you add a desert spoonful of oily fish twice a week (pilchards or sardines – not tuna). Or you can give evening primrose oil instead.

Please remember that dogs do not steal. Steal is a word from the human vocabulary. If you leave food where your dog can reach it he will naturally mop it up. Please read the leaflet called Rescue Dogs and Food to help you understand how rescue dogs feel about food.