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Dear Sir:

The Match-Up II Shelter dog Rehoming program, which I developed is a multi-part program that collects information from the dog's history, a provocative behavior evaluation and observation of the dog's behavior while it is in the shelter or foster home. The program uses personality scores to match individual dogs and people and triage points to mark problematic behaviors. The evaluation part does NOT include a test for predatory behavior. If predatory behavior is noted it is usually picked up while the dog is sheltered. Unfortunately, I do not have any data that compares the presence or absence of predatory behavior in dogs when noted while the dog is sheltered and after adoption.

In my experience, dealing with a multitude of rehomed dogs (including at least 100 retired greyhounds), I have seen predatory behavior in a number of dogs, but never in a greyhound. When I was in veterinary school I remember being warned to be careful with my small 20 pound terriers around the retired greyhounds. Contrary to this warning, I have never seen predatory behavior directed toward my dogs from any retired greyhounds. We have a very active adoption program in Eastern Massachusetts and we have met numerous greyhounds.

I do not support compulsory greyhound muzzling both because I do not think it is necessary to protect the public, but also because it may be preventing the rehoming of very nice animals.

Sincerely,

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