



# Greyt Expectations Greyhound Rescue

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## ***Solomons Island Boardwalk Etiquette***

We've done quite a few walks on the Solomons Boardwalk and around Solomons Island with our hounds, and we want to share some etiquette suggestions (in no particular order) for newbies who would like to join us! The boardwalk is used by many different kinds of people from all walks of life; these tips will help make us welcome by all:

1. The boardwalk is for everyone walking in every direction. Please make sure that you don't take up the whole walk. If people have to step off the boardwalk to get around our hounds and us, they will remember us as "those inconsiderate people and their dogs."
  - a. Keep your hound by your side
  - b. Don't have more than two people walking side-by-side
2. Clean up your pup's potties and don't let the boys "mark" the benches, Seahorses, or someone's prize flower beds.
3. Not everyone wants to say hi to such a large dog, and some people (\*GASP!\*) don't like dogs at all! Make sure to keep your dog by your side and only let him approach someone who asks to pet him.
4. Know your dog's tolerance level. There are a lot of people on the boardwalk, and it may overwhelm some dogs. The instant that you feel she is getting more attention than she is comfortable with, please let her take a break or take her home. This is supposed to be fun, not stressful.
5. Be prepared for the children! There are many children running around and some small ones may run right up and hug your pup without asking first! Be vigilant and watch out for your dog, especially if he doesn't like hugs. A polite, "Hold on! Put your hand out first!" will go over so much better than a dog growl or a yell of "STOP!"
6. When you get to near the western end of the boardwalk, there is a small playground and an ice cream stand. Please leave the boardwalk and walk on the sidewalk near the street to avoid the ice cream line and the playground. There just isn't enough room for you to walk between them.
7. Enjoy your time meeting new people, welcoming those who are joining us with hounds from other groups, and educating the public about these wonderful creatures!