

Blue came to us after a long trek from the west coast to the east, ending finally here in Virginia, where he will stay. He was born in Oregon and sold to a family in Florida. They quickly realized he was more puppy than they could manage! His breeder phoned Cal Perry of Appraxin whippets in Bristol, Tennessee, for help in retrieving the pup. Blue is a grandson of Ch Jetstream's Bobby Sox, one of Cal's favorite dogs, and many of his other relatives are Appraxin as well. Cal had him shipped to Bristol and immediately arranged with the breeder to keep him. And Blue's next six years were spent in Tennessee. I saw and admired Blue for the first time during a visit with Cal in 2006. When I saw him again in 2008, I knew I wanted him. By June of 2009, I had managed to convince Cal to send Blue home with me on a co-ownership.

The first thing you notice about this striking whippet is his color. He's a pure gun-metal blue, very rare in whippets, though you see it in Italian greyhounds. His eyes are fairly dark, which make him even more unusual. A blue dog is actually a black with a gene for dilution, and with that dilution gene often comes a light eye. But Blue has about as dark an eye as you can get in a blue whippet, in keeping with the whippet standard.

Blue is structurally correct and, most important to us, has a delightfully sweet temperament. He's rather laidback for a whippet and loves to be scritched behind the ears. He gets along well with other dogs and loves to snuggle with people as well. He's cooperative, playful, and a joy to live with!

We are eternally grateful to Cal Perry for entrusting us with this exceptional dog.