

## THE NEGATIVE INTERVIEW

1. Listed are some of the possible danger signs :
  - a. Challenging the leash and fencing requirements.
  - b. Landlord objects - this application will be terminated during the initial call.
  - c. Poor physical environment - unsanitary conditions, dangerous surroundings (i.e. ongoing remodeling, no area for dog).
  - d. Desire to confine dog constantly.
  - e. Children are not controlled or are not aware of proper handling of a dog.
  - f. Unrealistic expectation of the dog.
  - g. A family member objects to acquiring a dog.
  - h. Incompatibility of other pets.
  - i. Indications that this will not be a suitable home for a dog.
  - j. Inadequate financial ability to care for dog.
  
2. If indicators are VERY clear, inform the family that the greyhound is not a suitable pet for them or that the time is not appropriate for them to acquire a pet. Do not debate your statement with the family. Tactfully deny the application immediately. Do not leave them with false hopes.

**Notify the Placement Coordinator that it is a definite CANCEL.**

3. If it is a doubtful home visit tell the family they need to discuss the information, consider the recommendations offered during the visit and think about their decision before contacting BGA again. **Don't commit!**
  
4. Document your concerns, recommendations and requirements. The application is placed on HOLD until the family calls and all concerns are satisfied.
  
5. The documented evaluation form with recommendations is returned to the Home Visit Coordinator and a copy is kept by the Home Visit Representative. Clearly note if the application is to be placed on HOLD or CANCELLED.