Windows Advanced Greyhound System Version 2.2 Instructions

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Installation and Use

If you ordered the Advanced Greyhound System from our Internet Web site, you've received the file: agreysys.exe as an e-mail attachment where you were instructed to save it to your main (root) directory C:\, My Documents or on your Desktop.

To use, locate the file agreysys.exe on your computer and then double click on the Dog icon to run.   No installation is necessary.   To locate, use one of two methods below:

Method 1

From your desktop, double click on the My Computer icon and a window will open displaying the contents of your computer.   Double click on drive C:\ and a new window will open displaying all the folders and files in drive C:\ (you may have copied the file to My Documents or the Desktop).   Use the mouse to scroll down the list until you find the file: agreysys.exe.   To run, just double-click on the agreysys.exe Dog icon and the program will open displaying the data entry window.

Method 2

With this method, you'll run the Windows Explorer program by first clicking on the "Start" button, then "Programs," and then locate and double click on the Windows Explorer icon.   Windows Explorer will open to display the contents of your computer on the left, and a window on the right with the folders in the root (main) directory on drive C:\.   Locate the file: agreysys.exe by scrolling down using the mouse and then double click on the Dog icon to run and the data entry screen will open.

Data may be entered in any order by first using the mouse to click into the desired data entry box.   It is suggested to begin your entry in the first box by entering the dog's name.   This first data entry isn't used in the dog's rating calculation.   It's only required for identifying the dog with its rating.   After entering the dog's name you can begin by entering the required data in the text box next to the data description. Seventeen data entries are used to calculate each dog's rating; and you can use the mouse to access the box and enter data in any order.

Data Entry

1. Today's Race Length in Miles.   Click on the Radio button for the mile value of today's race.
2. Enter Today's Post Position.   It may be a number from 1 to 8 or greater.   Enter that number in the box.
3. Length of the Last Race in Miles. Click on the Radio button for the mile value of the last race.
4. Enter the Last Odds (Example: Enter 9.20)
5. Enter Last Time in Seconds and Fractions. Enter the time the dog ran the last race. For example, enter 31.25.
6. Enter Time 1 Best of Last 3 in Seconds and Fractions.   Pick the shortest time from the last 3 races listed. For example, enter 28.35.

7. Enter Race Length from 1 Best of Last 3.   Click on the Radio button for that race length.

8.   Now enter the Last 3 Positions at the 1/8 Pole.   This number is the dog's position at the 1/8the pole from the last three races.   Enter the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions (enter 0 for any missing data) starting with the most recent race.   Press the Tab key to go from box 1 to 3.   Then, press the Tab key to go on to the Last 3 Stretch Positions boxes.

9.   Enter the dog's position in the stretch from the last three races starting with the most recent race (enter 0 for any missing data).   Press the Tab key to go on to the Last 3 Finish Positions boxes.

10.   Enter the Last 3 Finish Positions starting with the most recent race (enter 0 for any missing data).

11.   Now to the Class Question. You must determine if the dog has moved up or down in class from the last race, or no change.   If he was a Class B in the last race, but is now in a Class A race, then he has move up in class.   If the dog was considered a Class A dog in his last race, but is now in a Class B race, then he is down in class.   Click on the Radio button to answer the class question.

12.   Now, you're ready to calculate!   Once you've learned to locate the data in the Greyhound Racing Form, it shouldn't take more than one minute a dog to enter the data and calculate the rating.   To calculate the dog's rating from the data entered, simply use the mouse to click on the Click To Calculate Rating button and the dog's name and associated rating number will be displayed at the bottom of the data entry window. If you don't want to use the mouse, you can use the Tab key to cycle to the Click To Calculate Rating button and press Enter on your keyboard to calculate.   Either way will work.   Copy the rating number for that dog, either on a separate sheet of paper, or right next to the dog's name in the racing form.

13.   To run the program again for the next dog, click on the Run Again button and the data boxes will clear so you can start the process over.

14. When you're done handicapping all the dogs in the race, click on the Quit button, and the program will end.

One interesting feature of the program is that once you calculate the rating, by entering all required data, you can make changes to the data to see how different factors will affect the rating without entering all the data again.   After you make changes to the data in any of the text boxes, you would click on the Click To Calculate Rating button and the rating will change for that dog.   For example, you may want to see how the dog would have done if you entered the Best Time from the last 6 races instead of the last 3 (also, remember to enter the race length from that time). If the best time number is lower, then the dog's rating will increase.   This feature will allow you to adjust your data entry without clearing the data entry form and starting over.