

# Greyhound Pets of America Greater NW

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1- 877-247-4884

## APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

This information helps us to find the right dog for your home and lifestyle. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be invited to our online chat group?      Yes      No

Age: Under 18  19-25  26-35  36-45  46-55  Over 56

Where did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the pets currently living in your home (breed/age/sex/personality). \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
List and describe the pets you've had in the past.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever had to return a pet? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you want a Greyhound?

\_\_\_\_\_  
What age/sex/personality traits would you like in your greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Adults in home: \_\_\_\_\_ How long would the dog be alone each day?

Children in home and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list at least two references, including your veterinarian (no relatives please):

Name of your vet: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

We are pleased that you are considering letting a Greyhound into your lives. Greyhounds can make wonderful companions for most anyone. It has been our experience that Greyhounds are gentle, sweet, sensitive, loving, affectionate, playful, and intelligent. Greyhounds are usually very "greytful" for being given a second chance at life, and you may very well end up with the best friend you've ever had.

We have worked in Greyhound adoption for many years and have seen many happy endings, and unfortunately we have also seen a few sad ones. So, although we may seem a bit overprotective, we have only the best interest of the Greyhound in mind.

Before signing this agreement, please know that Greyhounds can live 10-14 years. This is a serious commitment you are making. Are you prepared to do so? Before answering, consider some of the following lifestyle changes that may affect your family such as moving, having children, the cost of properly caring for the dog, etc.

It's very traumatic for a dog to be abandoned by its family once it has settled into its new home, and pets should NEVER be considered dispensable. These dogs rely on us to place them into appropriate, loving, responsible homes.

Some Greyhound books worth reading are:

Greyhounds For Dummies by Lee Livingwood

Adopting the Racing Greyhound by Cynthia Branigan

Guide to Adopting an Ex- Racing Greyhound by Carolyn Raeke

**I hereby certify that the information herein is true and correct.**

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT IS APPROVED / NOT APPROVED:**

Adoption Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please circle one:

Yes No I own my own home.

Yes No If not, I have written permission from my landlord to have a dog. (Attach permission letter to application).

Yes No I have a secure yard with a fence that is in good repair and is a minimum of 4' high.  
Type and height of fence \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No I understand that Greyhounds can not be trusted off leash and therefore I agree to keep my Greyhound on a leash at all times when outdoors in unfenced areas.

Yes No I understand that my Greyhound is a companion and not a guard dog.

Yes No I understand that my Greyhound is an indoor pet and agree never to leave it outside or confine it in a laundry room, basement or garage, etc.

Yes No I agree to keep my dog as a house pet only, and will not attempt to use it for hunting, research, or to re-activate its racing career.

Yes No I understand that it can take three to six months for my retired racer to adjust completely to its new home. I have the time and patience necessary to help with this adjustment.

Yes No I agree to rent or purchase a crate for my dog during the initial adjustment period if necessary.

Yes No I understand that initial introductions to other animals need to be in a controlled situation with my Greyhound muzzled, and that my Greyhound will need to wear a muzzle until relationships with my other pets are established.

Yes No I promise to keep a collar bearing GPA Greater NW, plus my own identification on the dog at all times. I also agree to inform GPA Greater NW if I move or when my dog passes on.

Yes No I promise to notify my adoption representative immediately if my dog goes missing.

Yes No I promise to return the dog to GPA Greater NW if for any reason I cannot keep it.

Yes No I agree to allow visits from my adoption representative to check on my dog, and allow GPA Greater NW to repossess it if, in their opinion, it is not properly cared for.

Yes No I understand that a minimum donation of **\$325. US** is required to adopt a dog from GPA Greater NW and that the adoption donation is non refundable.

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Applicant's signature

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Date