



ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION

Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas

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Thank you for your interest in retired racing greyhounds. Greyhounds make wonderful companion animals and will give you many years of love and devotion. A positive experience for both dog and family is possible only when the match between hound and home is appropriate. Consequently, this application is designed to assess potential adopters and foster families. Yes, it's long and detailed! Our goal is to ensure that everyone who brings a greyhound into their home understands the responsibilities as well as the joys of having a greyhound.

The people you encounter during the application process have worked in greyhound adoption for many years and have seen many happy endings. Unfortunately, we've also seen sad ones. Our mandate is to do what is in the best interest of the greyhound. Before considering adoption, please know that greyhounds can live 10 to 14 years, making this a serious long-term commitment. The dogs rely on us to place them into appropriate, loving, permanent homes. All adults in your household must agree to this commitment and sign the application.

It is very traumatic for a dog to be returned by a family once it has settled into its new home. No pet should EVER be considered disposable. Furthermore, note that the greyhound is not for everyone. They are not watchdogs, and they are not outdoor dogs. Not all of them are safe with cats or other small animals.

The total adoption donation is \$195 (of which \$145 is tax deductible). **A check for \$100 must be submitted with the application to adopt: \$25 covers processing, \$75 is refundable if we cannot match you with a dog.** The remaining \$95 of the adoption donation is due when the greyhound is adopted. [For senior dogs (nine years or older) the total adoption donation is \$100.] There is no fee for foster applications. Please complete all fields. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

Your adoption donation includes:

- Neuter/spay
- All vaccinations (DHLPP and rabies)
- Heartworm test, as well as any required treatment
- Dental cleaning, including extractions if necessary
- A leash with two collars — one martingale, one breakaway
- Turnout muzzle
- Zoom Groom
- *Adopting the Retired Racing Greyhound for Dummies*, by Lee Livingood
- Membership in GPA/Central Texas for one year
- Information and support from GPA-CT

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Placement Coordinator Donna Seago at (855) 4GoFAST (446-3278) or placement@gpacentraltexas.org.

General information

Primary adopter _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Work phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Best place to call: Home Work Cell Best time to call _____

Preferred email address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Secondary adopter _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Work phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

Best place to call: Home Work Cell Best time to call _____

Preferred email address _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Nature of household

Number of adults in home _____ Number of children in home _____

Names and ages of children living in home _____

Names and ages of other children who regularly visit (stepchildren, grandchildren, etc.) _____

Are these children gentle and respectful of animals? _____

Please note that if there are children under the age of eight living or visiting your home, we will encourage you to read *Childproofing your Dog*, by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson before adopting or fostering. This small, paperback book is available through Amazon.com and other bookstores.

Names, ages and relationships of other adults living in home (Please note if any have special mobility issues, such as unsteady on feet, use a walker/crutches/cane, in a wheelchair, etc.) _____

Is anyone in your household allergic to: dogs? cats? Who is allergic? _____

What is the activity level of your household? Quiet Moderately active Very active

What are the hours an adult is at home during the day? _____

Do you currently live in: Single family home Apartment Condo Townhouse Mobile home
 Other (please specify) _____

Do you: Own Rent Lease

If you rent or lease you must provide GPA-CT with written proof that the landlord agrees to you adopting a dog between 50-100 pounds before placement will be considered.

If you have a completely fenced yard, how tall is the fence at its LOWEST point? _____

What type of fence is it? _____

Please note: "Invisible fencing" should never be used for a greyhound.

If you do not have a fenced yard, are you willing and able to take your greyhound outside on a leash several times each day to relieve himself and for exercise? Yes No

If you have a swimming pool, can you restrict access to the pool? (Greyhounds may not be able to swim and can easily drown in pools.) Yes No

Interest in greyhounds

How did you learn about greyhound adoption with GPA-CT? Newspaper ad Friend
 GPA-CT Web site GPA-CT Meet & Greet (which location?) _____
 Other (please specify) _____

Have you ever met a greyhound? Yes No

Why do you want to adopt a greyhound? _____

How long have you been considering a greyhound for your family? _____

Current and past pets

Please tell us about the pets that currently live in your home. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type	If dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?

Where do your pets spend their days? _____ nights? _____

Are all your current dogs given monthly heartworm prevention? Yes No

Name, address and phone number of your current veterinarian/clinic _____

How long has this vet cared for your pets? _____

Note: We may ask your veterinarian to act as a reference for you as a pet guardian.

Have you owned dogs previously? Yes No

Who was the dog's primary caretaker? _____

Please tell us about your previous pets. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type	If dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?	Years this pet lived with you	What happened to this pet?

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or a rescue group? Yes No

If yes, please describe the circumstances: _____

Adoption readiness

It will cost at least \$400 each year to care for your greyhound. (This amount includes food, heartworm prevention, flea control, annual vaccinations, pet registration fees, and annual vet check-ups). This amount will increase if your greyhound becomes ill, injured, or needs special care or training. Are you willing and able to spend the necessary funds to provide satisfactory care for your greyhound? Yes No

What is the longest period of time your greyhound would be at home alone? _____

Where will your greyhound stay when you are not at home? _____

Where will your greyhound sleep at night? _____

What arrangements will you make for your greyhound when you are traveling? _____

Do you or does your family anticipate any major lifestyle changes during the upcoming year (i.e. retirement, extensive travel, new baby, moving, new job, schedule change, etc.)? _____

What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet to a shelter or rescue group?
(Please check all that apply.) Barking Biting Chewing Destructiveness Digging
 Fleas/Ticks Moving Home remodeling Too expensive Having a baby
 Too rough with children Unable to housetrain Other (please specify): _____

Who will be the primary caregiver for your greyhound? _____

Please rate your experience with dogs:

Primary adopter: 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
not knowledgeable very knowledgeable

Secondary adopter: 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5
not knowledgeable very knowledgeable

Are all adult household members in complete agreement with adopting a greyhound? Yes No

If not, please explain: _____

What are your preferences for the greyhound that will be placed in your home?

Gender: Spayed female Neutered male

Activity level: High Medium Low

Color: No preference Black Brindle Red Other (please specify): _____

Other preferences: _____

Occasionally an older greyhound or one with special needs will become available for adoption. Would you consider adopting such a dog? Special needs dog Senior dog (nine years and older) Not interested

GPA-Central Texas is a placement and support organization. Keeping GPA-CT informed with your contact information will assist us in providing support should your dog become lost. After adoption, you may periodically be contacted to update our database regarding the status of your greyhound. Are you willing to provide this information to GPA-CT? Yes No

To ensure the health and safety of the greyhound, the following Adoption Requirements must be complied with explicitly. Failure to do so can result in GPA-CT reclaiming the greyhound.

ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Your greyhound must be kept on a leash when outdoors, unless it is in a fenced area. NEVER trust your greyhound not to run away.
2. You must keep a collar with identification tags on your dog at all times. Tags that are required to be on your greyhound are (1) GPA-CT ID tag; (2) ID tag with greyhound’s name, address, and phone number; (3) vet/rabies tag; and (4) pet registration (if required by city of residence). **Please carefully read the attached handout regarding collar safety.**
3. If your greyhound should become lost you are REQUIRED to notify GPA-CT immediately. Refer to the list of emergency contact numbers provided at the time of adoption.
4. If you should ever decide you can no longer care for or do not want your greyhound, you must notify GPA-CT before taking any action. You may not give your greyhound to anyone else without consent of GPA-CT and you must never release the dog to a veterinarian, research facility, permanent blood donor colony, “pound,” or other animal shelter. Adoption of a greyhound from GPA-CT is with the understanding that the dog will be kept as a pet and never used for racing, breeding, or laboratory research, or in a permanent colony used for blood donation. Becoming a voluntary blood donor, however, is encouraged.
5. You agree to take the dog to your veterinarian for an annual visit, to include necessary vaccinations and tests for parasites. You also agree to maintain a regular schedule for heartworm prevention, as recommended by your veterinarian. You agree that regular dental examination and cleaning is also your responsibility.
6. Any disputes between you and GPA-CT will be settled in the state of Texas.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Adoption Requirements. If I qualify and receive a greyhound from GPA-CT, I will accept full responsibility for the care and safety of the greyhound.

I also understand that to complete the processing of this application, representatives of GPA-CT will contact me for a telephone interview and a home visit in order to assist in matching the needs of the greyhound with the needs of the household. By submitting this application I agree to such a scheduled visit and confirm that all members of the household will be present for the visit. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

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**Please mail this application with \$100 deposit toward adoption donation to:
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Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas is a chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, a national non-profit organization whose mission is to find responsible loving homes for greyhounds which fail to qualify for the racetrack or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption.

For GPA use only: Deposit enclosed _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Amount _____