



Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota

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Adoption Application

Greyhound ownership is a serious responsibility and commitment. This application is intended to assist Greyhound Pets of America – Minnesota (GPA-MN) in evaluating the willingness and ability of prospective greyhound adopters to meet that responsibility. You should expect a period of adjustment. Not all greyhounds adjust as quickly as others. For example, some greyhounds may be more difficult to housebreak, while others may be extremely shy at first. GPA-MN will assist you in working through these challenges, but you need to be willing to work cooperatively with us to meet the needs of your adopted hound. If you are not willing to put up with temporary problems, you may want to reconsider adopting. Please do not consider adoption if you are not willing to make a lifetime commitment, as a greyhound can live 12 to 14 years. Please also consider the long-term financial responsibility in adopting a greyhound. This responsibility does not end with the adoption fee. While greyhounds tend to be a healthy breed, there are veterinary costs associated with caring for any dog.

Greyhound ownership IS a serious responsibility and commitment, but it is also tremendously worthwhile!

ADOPTER INFORMATION

Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone # _____
(circle one: Cell / Home / Work) (circle one: Cell / Home / Work)

Best time to call _____ May we contact you at work if needed? YES NO

E-Mail Address _____

Occupation of Applicant _____ Co-Applicant _____

Number of people in home _____ Ages and Relationship _____

We DO NOT ADOPT to families with children under five (5) years of age. If you have children under the age of eight (8) years you are required to read one of the following books: Living with Kids and Dogs without Losing your Mind by Colleen Pelar or Happy Kids, Happy Dogs by Barbara Schumannfang.

Do you live in: HOUSE APARTMENT CONDOMINIUM TOWNHOME MOBILE HOME

Do you: RENT OWN If renting, please provide Landlord's name and phone # _____

Do you have a fenced-in yard? YES NO Type of fence (height, type, condition) _____

If you don't have a fenced-in yard, are you committed to walking your greyhound on lead frequently enough for it to relieve itself?
On average 3 – 4 times a day: YES NO

Your household activity level is: QUIET AVERAGE VERY ACTIVE

Would you object to a home visit by a GPA-MN representative? YES NO

Does anyone in the home have a history of asthma or allergies? _____

Do you have any pets now? YES NO

List all current pets: (type, age, gender) _____

Have you previously owned a dog? YES NO Breed(s) _____

How long was the dog with you? _____ Why is the dog no longer with you? _____

GPA-MN Adoption Application (continued)

How did you hear about GPA-MN? _____

Why do you want to adopt an ex-racing greyhound? _____

Are all members of your household in total agreement about adopting a greyhound? **YES NO**

We require that applicants read one of two books on the retired racing greyhound as well as attend a GPA-MN Meet and Greet or Special Event before submitting the Adoption Application.

Please circle the book you have read:

Adopting the Racing Greyhound by Cynthia Branigan or Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies by Lee Livingwood.

Please let us know which Meet and Greet or Special Event you attended:

Are you willing to kennel your greyhound when it is alone at home? **YES NO**

How many hours will your greyhound be alone each day? _____

Where do you plan to keep your greyhound when you are not home? _____

Where would your greyhound sleep at night? _____

Do you agree to provide yearly vet exams and up to date vaccinations? **YES NO**

Do you agree to administer heartworm and flea preventative as necessary? **YES NO**

Would you consider a senior (age 9 or older) or special needs greyhound? **YES NO**

Preferred gender of greyhound? **MALE FEMALE DON'T CARE**

What other adoption groups have you applied to? _____

REFERENCES

Our first check is with your veterinarian to confirm that other pets are current on vaccinations and are receiving heartworm preventative medication. This application will be rejected immediately if, after consulting with your veterinarian listed below, vaccinations and heartworm prevention are found to not be current on other household pets.

Veterinarians Name: _____ Phone: _____

Clinic Name and Address: _____

PLEASE LIST TWO PERSONAL REFERENCES (Non-relatives)

1. Name _____ Phone # _____ Known how long? _____

2. Name _____ Phone # _____ Known how long? _____

At the time of the adoption, we request \$200 to help cover the cost of spay/neuter, vaccinations, dental work, heartworm/intestinal parasite test, leash, safety muzzle, tag collar and I.D. tag. The adoption fee is non-refundable. Veterinarians participating in our adoption program perform all veterinary services prior to adoption.

By signing below, you understand that in order to complete processing of this application, a GPA-MN representative may schedule a visit to your house to assist in matching the needs of a greyhound with the needs of your household. By submitting this application, you agree to such a visit and confirm that all members of the household will attend the home visit. You agree that if this application is approved it will become part of the GPA-MN Greyhound Adoption Agreement. You also certify that all of the information on this greyhound adoption application is true and correct.

APPLICANT _____ **DATE** _____

CO-APPLICANT _____ **DATE** _____

**Thank you for your interest in adopting a retired racing greyhound!
An adoption representative will call to discuss your application soon.**