

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. 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 both happy and sad endings. Our mandate is to do what is in the best interest of the greyhound. Before considering adoption, please know that greyhounds can live 12 to 14 years, if not longer, 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.

Despite having lived in foster homes, newly adopted dogs may need help adjusting to their new homes. Some are social, others are shy. Some may initially make housebreaking errors or need time to adjust to a new schedule. Most must be crated while owners are away for their safety and the wellbeing of their new home. 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 inside dogs and should not be kept outdoors. Not all of them are safe with cats or other small animals. Most are good with children, others are not.

A non-refundable fee of \$50 should be submitted along with your adoption application. This may be paid by check or electronically through our website at gpa-centex.org/donate/. The remaining donation is due when an adoption is finalized. Adoption donations are as follows (these amounts are in addition to the application fee): for puppies less than one year old, the donation is \$300; for adult dogs age 1 - 8 years, the donation is \$200; and for senior dogs 8 years and up, the 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 surgery
- All vaccinations (DHLPP and rabies)
- Fecal and heartworm tests, as well as any required treatment
- Dental cleaning, including extractions if necessary
- Micro-chipping
- A leash with two collars — one martingale, one breakaway
- New basket muzzle
- *Adopting the Retired Racing Greyhound for Dummies*, by Lee Livingood
- Membership in GPA-Central Texas for one year
- Ongoing information and 24 hour support from GPA-Central Texas

If you have any questions about this application, please contact your placement team member at the number he or she provided, or GPA-Central Texas at (855) 4GoFAST / (855) 446-3278. You can also e-mail the Adoption Coordinator at Adopt@gpa-centex.org.

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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: _____

Please provide the name and contact number of two references (not family members)

#1 Name: _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

#2 Name: _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

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

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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-Central Texas 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 ☐ N/A

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 ☐ N/A

Interest in greyhounds

How did you learn about greyhound adoption with GPA-Central Texas? ☐ Newspaper ad ☐ Friend
☐ GPA-CT website ☐ 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? _____

Do you plan to do any of the following with your greyhound: ☐ Jog ☐ Hike ☐ Camp ☐ Lure course
☐ Obedience Class ☐ Other (Please specify) _____

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 (eight years and older) ☐ Not interested

What are your preferences for a greyhound in your home?

Gender: ☐ Spayed female ☐ Neutered male ☐ Either/Any

Activity level: ☐ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low ☐ Any

Color: ☐ No preference ☐ Black ☐ Brindle ☐ Red ☐ White

Size: ☐ No preference ☐ 50-60 lbs ☐ 60-70 lbs ☐ 70+ lbs

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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 will 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 with you	What Happened to the pet?

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

If yes, please describe the circumstances: _____

Adoption readiness

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Too rough with children ☐ Unable to housetrain ☐ Other (please specify): _____

If not, please explain: _____

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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-Central Texas 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. I understand that Greyhounds are indoor dogs and will keep my Greyhound as an indoor pet.
3. I am aware that greyhounds can never be tied on a run or chain, ever, and I agree to never tie my greyhound.
4. 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-Central Texas ID tag; (2) ID tag with greyhound's name, address, and phone number; (3) vet/rabies tag; (4) microchip tag; and (5) pet registration (if required by city of residence).
5. If your greyhound should become lost you are REQUIRED to notify GPA-Central Texas immediately. We can help find your dog. (855) 4GO FAST ext.1
6. If you ever decide you can no longer care for or do not want your greyhound, you must notify GPA-Central Texas before taking any action. You may not give your greyhound to anyone else without written consent of GPA-Central Texas 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-Central Texas 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.
7. 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.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Adoption Requirements. I also understand that to complete the processing of this application, representatives of GPA-Central Texas 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 also agree to allow a representative of GPA-Central Texas to contact my personal references and veterinary references. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct. If I qualify and receive a greyhound from GPA-Central Texas, I will accept full responsibility for the care and safety of the greyhound.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email to adopt@gpa-centex.org and pay the \$50 nonrefundable application fee through Paypal via our website OR mail this application with the application fee 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 _____