



## **Greyhound Pets of America/Lexington, KY**

### **Adoption/Foster Application**

Thank you for your interest in adopting or fostering a retired racing Greyhound. Greyhounds make wonderful companion pets and will give you many years of love and devotion. Adopting a Greyhound is a serious responsibility requiring a long-term commitment. This application has been designed to evaluate potential adopters to ensure that each person who adopts a Greyhound is not only aware of that responsibility, but also to address the suitability and permanence of each Greyhound placed in a home. We have worked in Greyhound adoption for years and have seen many happy endings, and unfortunately we have also seen a few sad ones. *We have only the best interest of the Greyhound in mind.* Before signing this application, please know that Greyhounds can live 10 to 14 years, making this a serious, long-term commitment. It is very traumatic for a dog to be returned by its family once it has settled into its new home. Furthermore, note that the Greyhound breed is *not* for everyone. These dogs rely on us to place them into appropriate, loving, responsible homes. All adults in your household must agree to this adoption and sign the application. Please read this application carefully and consider the importance of your responses.

**About You**

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address #1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2# \_\_\_\_\_

Employer#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time and number to reach you?

Best time/day(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about GPA/LEX? Please check all that apply.

News story     Internet     Brochure     Meet & Greet     Veterinarian/Kennel

Advertisement     Friend     Billboard     Petfinder.com     Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt/foster a retired racing greyhound?

Do you have any preferences as to characteristics (temperament, personality, age, gender, color, activity level) of the greyhound you think would fit in your home and with your lifestyle? Please explain why these considerations would be important enough to guide your possible choices:

Is there a personality trait or habit that you simply CANNOT accept in a dog?

Are you considering other breeds, or are you convinced that a greyhound is for you?

Who will have primary responsibility for caring for, and training of, your greyhound?

Are all members of your household in agreement about adopting a greyhound?

What would you do if your greyhound exhibited behavioral issues?

Please explain why it is important to keep a greyhound on a leash, or inside a fenced area, at all times:

Number of Adults living in your household and their ages.

Number and ages of children who live in your household

Number and ages of children who visit your household regularly.

If you have young children, have you considered how you will prevent the children (and their young friends!) from accidentally opening doors and gates that would allow your greyhound to escape? Tell us what provisions you have, or intend to make, to keep everyone safe

Does anyone in your household have allergies?

If you move, what will you do with your greyhound?

Do you travel frequently, or for extended periods?

Who will care for your greyhound if you are on vacation or out of town?

**About Your Pets:**

**Current Pets**

Name      Type      Breed      M/F      Age      Neutered/Spayed      Temperament \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Previous Pets**

Yes \_\_\_No\_\_\_ Have you had other pets in the past 15 years? Provide details (breed, sex, name, age, including what happened to them if you no longer have them):

**About Your Home:**

My home is: Busy\_\_\_ Quiet\_\_\_ I live in the: City\_\_\_ Suburbs\_\_\_ Country\_\_\_

Where do you live? House\_\_\_ Apartment\_\_\_ Mobile Home\_\_\_ Condo\_\_\_

If you rent or lease, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog?

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does your home have stairs?

How many stairs inside? \_\_\_\_\_ Carpeted\_\_\_ Uncarpeted\_\_\_ Open-backed\_\_\_

How many stairs outside? \_\_\_ Opened-backed\_\_\_ Closed-backed\_\_\_

Is your yard fenced? If yes, please describe the type of fencing, condition and height.

Would you be willing to install safety locks on your gates?

If your yard is unfenced, are you willing/able to leash walk your greyhound at least four (4) times a day?

If your yard is unfenced, is there a nearby fenced, grassy area (ball field, friend's yard) where a greyhound could run safely? Please describe.

### **About Your Schedule/Routine**

How many hours a day will your greyhound be left alone?

Do you understand that 10-12 hours is too long of a time period to not allow the dog to relieve itself?

Do you currently walk or jog? \_\_\_\_\_ How far? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to provide your greyhound with potty breaks and exercise?

Where do your current pets sleep?

Where will your greyhound stay during the day?

Where will your greyhound stay at night?

Do you enjoy activities or hobbies in which you plan to include your greyhound?

Do you have any other concerns you would like us to address? Please tell us if there is anything else about your home, family, lifestyle, or adoption needs that you'd like us to know or take into consideration:

**The Needs of a Retired Athlete:**

Greyhounds are a breed with a life expectancy of 12-14 years or more. Are you prepared for a commitment to a dog for the remainder of its life?

Do you have the financial resources to meet the medical needs of a large dog, including: high quality food, monthly heartworm preventative, monthly flea/tick preventive medications, and routine & emergency vet care?

Greyhounds are sighthounds, which means their eyesight is highly developed. They are also friendly and curious, as well as filled with the desire to RUN when given the chance. A greyhound, therefore, can never be trusted off-leash unless in a secure, fenced area. **A loose greyhound is usually a dead greyhound.** Do you understand this requirement and agree to keep your dog safe by always leashing it unless in a securely fenced area?

Heartworm is common in this part of the country and very deadly. Are you willing to keep your greyhound on a monthly preventative?

Greyhounds are not a breed well-suited to living outside. For many reasons, a retired greyhound wants and needs nothing more than to live inside with its new family. They certainly enjoy time outside, but long periods alone unsupervised invite a whole host of problems. Do you understand this requirement and agree that your greyhound will be an inside member of your family?

Greyhounds fresh from the track sometimes feel the need for the security of a training crate. We advocate the *limited* use of these crates when it appears the greyhound needs it in order to learn the rules of home life and remain safe when unsupervised. Remaining comfortable with being in a crate is also helpful in the case of vet trips, boarding kennels, illness or injury, etc. Are you willing to buy and learn to use a crate to help your dog adjust, if it seems to be required? Also, do you understand that it is unnecessary, and cruel, to crate a dog all day and at night?

To provide food, vaccinations, dental care, and medical care for this Greyhound, how much do you anticipate spending (yearly):

- \$200 - \$400                       \$400-\$600                       \$600-\$800                       \$800+

I am aware that heartworm and flea/tick preventatives are REQUIRED to be administered monthly and can cost approximately \$250 a year. yes no

I am aware that routine vaccinations for a greyhound (we recommend 3yr Rabies, 3yr DHPP) , plus annual bloodwork with heartworm test, and fecal exam can range from \$150 to \$200 a year. yes no

I am aware that a dental cleaning under anesthesia can range from \$300 to \$700. yes no

Yes \_\_\_No\_\_\_ Do you currently have a veterinarian?

Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Have you discussed with your veterinarian your intention to adopt a greyhound, and inquired about his/her experience with the breed?

**Adoption Requirements** (initial each, which will indicate that you agree to abide by each clause)

It is vital to keep your greyhound on leash whenever it is outdoors, unless it is in a fenced-in area. NEVER "trust" it not to run away. \_\_\_\_\_

The greyhound MUST be an indoor pet, and must NEVER be chained outside, or left outside for long periods of time. \_\_\_\_\_

You must keep a collar and ID tag on the greyhound at all times. \_\_\_\_\_

If your greyhound should become loose, or lost, you are REQUIRED to notify GPA/LEX immediately. \_\_\_\_\_

You are responsible for providing both routine and emergency medical care for the greyhound. \_\_\_\_\_

You MUST notify GPA/LEX if for any reason you cannot keep your greyhound, and you MUST agree that you will return the dog to GPA/LEX. \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Veterinary Clinic Name:

Vet Name

Phone

Address, City, State, Zip

Length of time you've used this vet:

List one individual, their phone number and email address, who has known you for more than two years and who does *not* reside with you, and is *not* a family member. If you do *not* have a veterinarian, please list two references:

Name _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Relationship _____
Name _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Relationship _____

**Before submitting this application:**

GPA Lexington highly recommends researching and reading before adoption, including: *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies* or *Adopting the Racing Greyhound*.

If you have children in my home, we also recommend reading: *Childproofing your Dog* or *Living with Kids and Dogs without losing Your Mind*.

What type of reading or research have you done to prepare for a greyhound?

**Adoption Fee**

The \$350.00 (as of 1/1/2017) non-refundable adoption donation helps offset a portion of the cost of initial veterinary care and associated expenses for recently retired dogs. We spend on average over \$500 per greyhound that enters our program.

Each GPA/LEX dog has had the following services: physical exam, spay/neuter, dental, heartworm testing, and monthly heartworm & flea preventative, worming, vaccination updates, nail trimming. Each greyhound comes with: information packet, martingale collar, tag collar, leash, GPA/Lex identification tag, muzzle, and the lifetime support of GPA/LEX.

**Deposit**

To begin the adoption process we must receive your \$50.00 deposit with your application. If your application is approved, this deposit will be applied to your adoption fee. If GPA/LEX does *not* approve your application, your deposit will be returned. If you withdraw your application *after* the home visit, your deposit is considered a non-refundable donation.

**The Legal Part**

In submitting this application, I am authorizing GPA/LEX to investigate the answers given on this form. I understand that in the interest of making the best placements possible, they have the right to deny any application or ask for additional information. GPA/LEX will NOT use this information for any other purpose, in order to protect my privacy. I understand that this document will become a permanent part of my adoption application record for GPA/LEX.

1<sup>st</sup> Applicant Signature

Date

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2<sup>nd</sup> Applicant Signature

Date

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**Phone Follow-Up**

A GPA/LEX representative will call within one (1) week of the receipt of your application and \$50.00 deposit. Feel free to submit your application materials at any of our meet & greet events. Or you may mail your application along with deposit to:

GPA LEXINGTON  
2934 Montavesta Rd.  
Lexington, KY 40502

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