



GREYHOUND ADOPTION APPLICATION

Pet ownership is a serious responsibility requiring a long-term commitment. Before signing this Adoption Application of Greyhound Pets of America – Houston (GPAH), please know that greyhounds can live 10 to 14 years, are a fairly strong breed and require regular veterinary care to remain healthy and happy. You must be capable and willing to accept this responsibility: morally, physically and financially.

GENERAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about our organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Radio/TV <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search <input type="checkbox"/> Friend Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Meet & Greet/Other Event <input type="checkbox"/> Other If a Meet & Greet or other event, where?		
Name of Adopter		
Spouse/Partner		
Home Address		
E-mail		
Cell Phone	Home Phone	
Employer of Adopter	Job Title	How long?
Work Phone		
Employer of Spouse/Partner	Job Title	How Long?
Work Phone		
List names and ages of any other people living in the home		

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Describe your home <input type="checkbox"/> Single family home <input type="checkbox"/> Duplex <input type="checkbox"/> Condo / Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other: How long at present residence?
Do you <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own ?
If you rent or lease, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is there a size/pound restriction on pets? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, up to what size dog are you allowed to have?
Landlord's Name and Address:
Landlord's Phone Number:
Do you have a completely fenced yard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Fence Type:
Fence Height:
What is the activity level of your household? <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Active <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Very active <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)

GENERAL INFORMATION OF OTHER PETS AND VETS

List **ALL** pets you currently have in your household

Dog/Cat/Other	Breed	Age	Sex	Neutered/ Spayed	How long with you	Indoor/Outdoor Pet

List previous Pets you have owned

Dog/Cat/Other	Breed	Age	Sex	Neutered/ Spayed	How long with you	What happened to Pet

Do you have a veterinarian? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is he familiar with a greyhound's special medical requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
Veterinarian's Name: Veterinarian's Address:
Veterinarian's Phone Number:
What type of food and treats do you feed your current dog(s)?
Have you ever adopted from any other adoption group or shelter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, which one? Phone number:

GREYHOUND INFORMATION

Why are you considering a greyhound as a pet?
For how long have you considered this decision?
Do ALL adults in the household agree to the adoption? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is your purpose for adopting? (Mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> House pet <input type="checkbox"/> Companion <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy dog <input type="checkbox"/> Company for another pet <input type="checkbox"/> Watch dog <input type="checkbox"/> Outside dog <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Pet <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Who will be PRIMARILY responsible for the care and training of your greyhound?
Approximately how many hours would your greyhound be left alone each day?
What arrangements will be made for your greyhound when you travel, or if you are absent from your home for an extended period of time?
Where will your greyhound spend its time during the day?
Where will your greyhound spend its time at night?
How long seems a reasonable time for your greyhound to adjust to its new home?
Are you willing and able to spend the funds necessary for the care and support of a greyhound? (We can provide you with a cost sheet for the care and maintenance of a healthy dog) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What type of personality/temperament of dog do you think would best fit your household and lifestyle?
What traits would you consider undesirable in a greyhound?
What activity level are you looking for in a greyhound?
Where and how will you exercise your greyhound?
Which would you prefer <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Does not matter Why?
The majority of greyhounds coming into our program are between the ages of 2 and 5. What age (or age range) were you considering? Why?
Occasionally an older greyhound or one with special needs is available. Would you consider adopting such a dog? Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
It may take SEVERAL WEEKS for a Greyhound to adjust to its new home. Are you willing and prepared to allow this much time? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Can you invest the time and effort to allow this greyhound to adjust to its new home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
You could easily have your greyhound 10-12 years. Are you prepared to assume responsibility for that long? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

When would you be ready for a dog? (It is advisable to have at least three days available when you first bring a greyhound to your home. This helps with the transition.)
What do you consider valid reasons for returning your greyhound to GPAH? (Mark all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Moving <input type="checkbox"/> Separation Anxiety <input type="checkbox"/> Chewing <input type="checkbox"/> Digging <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with housetraining <input type="checkbox"/> Having a baby <input type="checkbox"/> Barking <input type="checkbox"/> Too rough with children <input type="checkbox"/> Biting <input type="checkbox"/> Killing another animal <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive <input type="checkbox"/> Fleas <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Does your family anticipate any major life-style changes in the next year, such as a new baby, retirement, travel, moving, new job or job schedule change? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what?

BEHAVIORAL KNOWLEDGE

On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest), how would you rate your knowledge of dog behavior?
What would you do if your greyhound demonstrates the following behaviors?
Urinating in the house:
Chewing:
Not getting along with other pets:
Growling at children:
Difficulty adjusting to household routine:
Greyhounds are usually kennel trained but not house trained. You will probably have to house train your new greyhound. Please explain your method of house training.

DO YOU AGREE

Do you agree to keep your greyhound exclusively as an indoor house pet and agree NEVER to use it for racing or coursing for money, hunting, or laboratory research? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you aware that greyhounds must ALWAYS be kept on a leash or in a completely fenced area and agree to abide by this rule? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Your greyhound is currently on heartworm preventative. Do you agree to keep your greyhound on heartworm preventative for the remainder of its life? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you agree to notify GPAH if for any reason you find you cannot keep your greyhound and further agree that you will not give or sell your greyhound to anyone else? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Do you agree to keep a collar and a GPAH ID tag on your greyhound with proper ID at all times ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you agree to notify GPAH immediately should your greyhound ever become lost or stolen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

REFERENCES

Name, address and phone number of two references we may contact for information, references or in case of emergency.
Reference # 1 Name: Address: Phone Number:
Reference # 2 Name: Address: Phone Number:

Please list any additional comments that you would like for us to consider when reviewing your Greyhound Adoption Application:

By signing this Application, I/We authorize my/our veterinarian to release information regarding my/our pets to a representative of Greyhound Pets of America- Houston. Further, I/we certify that the information supplied herein is true and correct. If the information in this Application is found to be false and/or misleading, Greyhound Pets of America- Houston retains the right to decline this adoption request.

Signature/Date

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Please email the completed Application to greytadoptions@gpahouston.org or fax it to the GPAH Office at 832-823-5326 or mail it to GPA Houston, 26214 Oak Ridge Drive, Spring TX 77380.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN APPLICATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS IT IS COMPLETE AND A \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID. IF YOU ADOPT A GREYHOUND FROM GPAH, YOUR \$25 APPLICATION FEE WILL BE CREDITED AGAINST ANY ADOPTION FEE PAYABLE AT ADOPTION TIME. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS WITHDRAWN BY YOU, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND. ALL APPLICATION FEES WILL BE DEPOSITED IN GPAH'S GENERAL OPERATING FUND. IF GPAH DECLINES YOUR APPLIATION FOR ANY REASON, WE WILL REFUND YOUR APPLICATION FEE.

You can pay your non-refundable application fee via our Paypal button on our website, by calling the GPAH Office (832-813-8419) with a credit card number during normal office hours, or by sending a check or money order to GPA Houston, 26214 Oak Ridge Drive, Spring TX 77380.

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