



Greyhound Adoption Application
Greyhound Pets of America, Tri-State
 www.gpatristate.org



Greyhound ownership is a serious responsibility and commitment. This Application is intended to assist Greyhound Pets of America Tri-State (GPA Tri-State) in evaluating the willingness and ability of prospective greyhound adopters to meet that responsibility. If, after reviewing all information provided by our website, our Adoption Representatives and the required reading, you feel a retired racing greyhound can become a welcome and loving member of your family and you/your family are prepared to make a commitment for the lifetime of a greyhound, please read and complete the following application and submit it to the address listed on the last page.

If you are applying to be considered for fostering, please check here .

About You

Applicant Information

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Home phone _____
 Place of Employment _____
 Occupation _____
 Work phone _____
 May we call you at work? Yes No
 Email _____
 Alternate email _____

Co-Applicant Information

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Home phone _____
 Place of Employment _____
 Occupation _____
 Work phone _____
 May we call you at work? Yes No
 Email _____
 Alternate email _____

How did you hear of GPA Tri-State? _____

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing greyhound? _____

Describe your ideal dog. _____

Are you anticipating any major changes in the next 12 months? (new job, retirement, travel, new baby, marriage, moving, etc.) **Yes** **No** Please describe: _____

About Your Household

Number of adults who live in your home. _____ Number of children in the home. _____

If there are children who live or visit regularly in your home, please list them below. Include children, grandchildren, or other youngsters who visit often. List first name, gender, relationship (child, grandchild, niece, nephew, friend, etc.) and age of each child. Use the back of this page if necessary.

Name: _____ Girl or Boy _____ Relationship _____ Age _____

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Note: We strongly discourage families from adopting if they have children under the age of four (4) years unless special arrangements are made. If you have children under the age of ten (10), you will be required to read the book *Living With Kids and Dogs Without Losing Your Mind* by Colleen Pelar.

Families with children under the age of ten (10) must have a completely fenced area with direct access from an exterior door of the house.

Does anyone live in your home or visit frequently who requires mobility assistance with equipment such as a walker, wheelchair or scooter? _____ If so, please describe. _____

Does anyone who lives in your home have a history of allergies or asthma? _____ Please describe.

Are all members of the household in total agreement about adopting a greyhound? _____

On average, how many adult visitors do you have in your home during a week? _____

How many children visit in a week? _____ If they are not listed above, please list their ages here.

Are there any pets who visit regularly? _____ Please list type(dog, cat, other) and ages if known. _____

About Your Home

Do you live in a house, apartment, condominium, or mobile home? (Circle one.)

Do you own or rent? (Circle one.)

If you rent, please provide your landlord's name and phone numbers so we can contact him or her to verify that you have permission to have a large dog in the rental unit.

Landlord's name _____ Phone number _____

Do you have a fenced yard? _____ What type of fencing is it? chain link, privacy, other _____

How tall is the fence at its highest point? _____ How tall is it at its lowest point? _____

Does the fenced area have direct access to an exterior door of the house? _____

If you do not have a fence, are you planning to install one? _____ When? _____

What type and how tall? _____

Do you have a pool? _____ If so, is it above ground or in-ground? _____

Is there a fence around it to separate it from the rest of the yard? Yes No

If so, what type of fence? _____

Are there interior stairs in your home? _____ Please describe. _____

Are there exterior stairs at your home? _____ Please describe. _____

Personal References

Please list 2 people who have known you for at least 2 years and are not family members. **

****Note:** Be sure to let them know a representative of GPA Tri-State may be calling so they won't be caught by surprise if we contact them.

	Name	Relationship	Phone Number (including area code)	Best time to call
1.				
2.				

Looking Ahead

Where would a greyhound stay while you are not at home? _____

Where would a greyhound sleep at night? _____

Are there any rooms which will be off limits for a greyhound? _____ Please describe. _____

What is a typical weekday like in your home? Please describe work/school schedules to give us an idea how long a greyhound would be left alone. _____

What is a typical weekend like in your home? _____

How do you feel about crating a greyhound? _____

Will you be willing to do so if it is determined to be in the best interest of the dog, especially during the adjustment period (the first few weeks/months in your home)? _____

Do you have a large crate? _____ Are you willing to buy one if necessary? _____

Do you travel frequently? _____ What arrangements will you make for your dog while you're traveling? _____

Do you feel any of the following are valid reasons to give up a pet? Please circle all that apply.

Moving * Redecorating * Destructiveness * Digging * Fleas * Biting * Chewing *

Too expensive to care for * Too much trouble * Having a baby * Unable to housebreak *

Other/Comments: _____

Adopting a greyhound is a lifetime commitment. The greyhound can be expected to live in excess of 12 years. Please do not consider adoption if you will not be able to meet this lifetime commitment or adhere to the requirements shown on the last page. Please also consider the financial responsibility in adopting a greyhound; this responsibility does not end with the adoption fee of \$250.00. While greyhounds tend to be a healthy breed, there are veterinary costs associated with caring for any dog.



REQUIRED READING MATERIALS



If you have not already, we require that you read at least one of the following books. The books will help you confirm whether a greyhound is truly the right type of dog to add to your family and they serve as excellent references. We strongly encourage you to purchase one; however they are also available in many libraries if you prefer not to purchase one at first.

Adopting the Racing Greyhound - by Cynthia Branigan

Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies - by Lee Livingood

Guide to Adopting an Ex-Racing Greyhound - by Carolyn Raeke

NOTE: For families with children under the age of ten (10), you will be required to read the book:

Living With Kids and Dogs Without Losing Your Mind - by Colleen Pelar.

Current and Past Pets

Please fill out the following information for all of your pets within the past 10 years, both living and deceased. Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Type dog, cat, ferret, bird, etc.	Breed	Name	Age	If deceased, list age at death and cause of death.	Male or Female	Spayed or Neutered	Where does this pet stay when you are not home?	Where does this pet sleep at night?	General Personality Type (Please circle all that apply.)
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Have you ever found another home for one or more of your pets? _____ Please describe why you chose to rehome the pet(s). _____

Who is the veterinarian you're using now?

Vet's name Phone number (including area code)

Clinic name and address

If you have used another vet in the last 2 years, please list his or her name and contact information as well.

Vet's name Phone number (including area code)

Clinic name and address

If You're Approved

The following are incorporated into the Adoption Agreement which each adoptive family must sign. Your signature on this application signifies your acceptance of these requirements and your agreement to abide by them. Your signature is also authorization that your vet may release information on current and past care of your pets to a representative of GPA Tri-State.

1. The adoption donation is \$250.
2. The greyhound must be kept solely as a pet. Its racing career cannot be reactivated.
3. The greyhound must be kept on a leash outdoors unless in a fully enclosed area.
4. The greyhound must never be tied to a stationary object or a tie-out cable/chain.
5. Identification must be kept on the dog at all times, including a tag from GPA Tri-State and a tag with the owner's contact information on it.
6. Adopter will notify GPA Tri-State immediately if the dog becomes lost.
7. If the adopter can no longer keep the greyhound, he or she will turn the dog back over to GPA Tri-State.
8. Adopters will provide the dog with proper nutrition and medical care, including (but not limited to) regular vet visits, dental care, and vaccinations as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.
9. Adopter will answer any inquiries from a GPA Tri-State representative about the status of the greyhound promptly.
10. Adopter will inform GPA Tri-State of any change in address, phone number, or other contact information.

Once the review of the application and references are complete, if all is satisfactory, I/we understand that a home visit will be scheduled to complete the application process. By submitting this application, I/we agree to such a scheduled visit and confirm that all members of the household will attend the home visit if one is scheduled. I/we agree that if this application is approved, it will become part of the GPA Tri-State Greyhound Adoption Agreement. I/we also certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant's signature

Date

Co-Applicant's signature

Date

Please mail the completed application to the following:

GPA Tri-State
c/o Stacey McCarty
524 E 27th Street
Owensboro, KY 42303
270-926-4876