



**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.

**Applicant Information**

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

**Co-Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 May we call you at work?      Yes   No  
 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** If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already, or do you plan to apply to any other greyhound adoption groups along with GPA Tri-State? **Yes No**  
 If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone who lives in your home have a history of allergies or asthma? **Yes No** Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

What is a typical day like in your home (work day/weekend)? Please describe work/school schedules to give us an idea how long a greyhound would be left alone. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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:** A retired racing greyhound is a large adult dog who may have never been around small children. Families who have children under the age of four (4) need to consider this and be open to education provided by GPA Tri-State and willing to make the special arrangements necessary for dogs and children to coexist within the family.

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 and will be required to read **Living With Kids and Dogs Without Losing Your Mind** by Colleen Pelar.

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? **Yes No** Please list type (dog, cat, other) and ages if known: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 number so we can contact him/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? **Yes No** 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? **Yes No** When? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pool? **Yes No** 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**

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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)? **Yes No**

Do you have a large crate? **Yes No** Are you willing to buy one if necessary? **Yes No**

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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 often lives 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



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 (if known)	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.)
									Dominant Shy/Submissive Aggressive Friendly
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Have you ever found another home for one or more of your pets? Yes No

Please describe why you chose to rehome the pet(s). \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Who is the veterinarian/clinic you're using now?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian / Clinic name

\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) -  
Phone number (including area code)

**If you have used another veterinarian/clinic in the last 2 years, please list name and contact information as well.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian / Clinic name

\_\_\_\_\_  
( ) -  
Phone number (including area code)

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**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. Tags must include a tag from GPA Tri-State and a tag with the owner's contact information on it. Alternate ID may be in the form of an embroidered collar with owner contact numbers.
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

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Please mail the completed application to the following:

**GPA Tri-State**  
c/o Stacey McCarty  
524 E 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

Applications will be assigned to an Adoption Representative based on location/availability.  
You will be contacted within 24 – 48 hours of receipt of your application.