

# Greyhound Pet Adoption Northwest

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## ADOPTION APPLICATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Interested In \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information

How did you hear about GPA? TV Newspaper Radio Friend/Relative Adoption Event Parade Other

(please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing Greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Information

What type of dwelling do you live in? House Apartment Condo/Townhouse Mobile Home Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or lease/rent? \_\_\_\_\_ If you lease/rent, **YOU MUST** have written approval from your landlord prior to adopting a Greyhound. Can you provide this approval? Yes No

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No Please describe height and fence material \_\_\_\_\_

If not fenced, can you commit to you or someone else being able to take him outside, on a leash, several times a day? Yes No

Total number of adults in home \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of children in home and ages \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA-Northwest does not normally place Greyhounds with families who have children 5 and under.**

Please list what pets you currently have, type, gender, age, disposition \_\_\_\_\_

Are the above-mentioned animals: Indoors only Outdoors Only Both \_\_\_\_\_

What pets have you had in the past? Why do you no longer have them? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of personality do you prefer in a dog? (Playful, laid back, friendly, low energy) \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Would he or she give you a reference? Yes No

Is your veterinarian acquainted with the special anesthesia considerations for Greyhounds? Yes No

Have you ever trained a dog before? Yes No Why did you want to train the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1-5, please rate yourself: (1-not very dog knowledgeable, 5 extremely experienced) 1 2 3 4 5

How would you describe the role a Greyhound will play in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Which member of your household will be responsible for the care and training of your Greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

## Life With A Greyhound

Are all members of the household in total agreement with this adoption? Yes No

Do you understand the ongoing expense of owning a dog? (Veterinary care, supplies and equipment, food, grooming, etc.?) Yes

No How many hours per day will your Greyhound be home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your Greyhound be when you are out of the house? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with your Greyhound when you travel/vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your Greyhound sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT GREYHOUNDS MUST ALWAYS BE ON LEAD OR IN A FENCED AREA? Yes No

DO YOU UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT GREYHOUNDS ARE INDOOR DOGS? Yes No

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT PACK MENTALITY IS AS IT REFERS TO GREYHOUNDS? Yes No

Does your family anticipate any major lifestyle changes in the next year such as retirement, extended travel, new baby, moving, new job or schedule change? Yes No If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet? (Please check all that apply) Barking Biting Chewing

Destructive Behavior Digging Fleas Moving Having a Baby Financial Too Expensive

Too Rough With Children Unable to Housetrain Home Remodeling Other \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do with your Greyhound if you suddenly had to move from your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to sign a contract promising to care for your Greyhound for the rest of his/her life? Yes No

GPA-NW sometimes will have older and/or special needs Greyhounds needing homes.

Would you consider adopting one? Yes No

## You and GPA

In addition to adopting a loving friend, adoptive families also become part of the GPA-NW family. GPA participates in many events throughout the year to increase public awareness about Greyhounds and find them life homes.

Would you like to be invited to GPA-NW events? Yes No

Would you be interested in volunteering with GPA-NW in our efforts to promote the welfare and adoption of Greyhounds (placement representative, public appearances, fostering, fundraising, etc.) Yes No

GPA-NW is also always on the lookout for members with skills to help us with events and activities throughout the year.

What kinds of personal/professional skills might you be willing to offer? Animal First Aid Veterinarian Grant

Writing Time/Energy Event Planning Media Experience Financial/Accounting Computer Website

Foster Home Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments or questions? \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM**

As an all-volunteer organization, one of our most limited resources is time. We do not have paid staff to process adoption applications and rely on our hard working volunteers to process applications, make home visits and complete adoptions. This process takes several hours for each application.

Because not every application leads to an adoption, we process several applications for each adoption that is completed. Sometimes a Greyhound is not the right dog for an adopter, other times an adopter may change their mind or adopt from another group that also provides Greyhounds. When our volunteers spend time on an application that does not result in an adoption, it delays others from getting their Greyhound and limits the number of successful adoptions we can provide. Since our goal is to match Greyhounds with adopters, we take as much time as necessary to find the right dog for each adopter. This can take time but the result is a Greyhound that is just the right fit for your home.

An application deposit of \$50.00 is now required with your application submission. If your application is approved, this deposit will be applied toward the adoption fee at the time of adoption. If your application is declined by GPA Northwest, \$40.00 of your deposit will be refunded to you. You will only lose all of your deposit if you change your mind about adopting from GPA Northwest after you have submitted your application. The funds collected are charitable contributions that will enable GPA Northwest to continue our work and help Greyhounds. If you have questions or do not understand this policy, contact our Adoption Information coordinator by using our email contact form, or call us at 503-784-1285.