

Adoption Application



Date: _____

Name: _____

Spouse or Partner: _____

Greyhound: _____
greyhound, if you have selected one

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ e-mail Address _____
Daytime Evening

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

Total number of adults in home _____ Total number of children in home and ages _____

Why are you interested in adopting a retired racing greyhound? _____

What type of area do you live in? Rural City Suburban Other _____

What type of home do you live in? House Apartment Condo/Townhouse Mobile Home

Do you own or rent? Own Rent

If you are in an apartment or condo, do you have written permission for a dog over 55 lbs? Yes No

If you rent, we will need written permission from your landlord prior to adopting a greyhound.

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No

Fence height at lowest point _____ Fencing material _____

If not fenced, will you commit to taking the greyhound outside, on a leash, several times a day?

Yes No

Please list what pets you currently have (attach additional page if necessary)

Type & Breed	Spayed/ Neutered	Sex	Size	Age	Personality type (Circle all that apply)	Current vaccines	Indoor or outdoor
					Shy • Aggressive • Friendly Dominant • Submissive		
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What pets have you had in the past? Why do you no longer have them? _____

What kind of dog are you looking for? (Playful, laid back, friendly, low energy) _____

What do you consider a valid reason for giving up a pet? (Check all that apply)

- Barking Biting Chewing Destructiveness Digging Fleas Moving
 House remodeling Expense Having a baby Too rough with children Unable to housebreak
 Other (please specify) _____

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

On a scale of 1-5, please rate yourself:

Not very dog knowledgeable 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely experienced

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? _____

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

Do you understand the ongoing expense of owning a dog? (Veterinary care, supplies, food, etc?) Yes No

How many hours per day will your greyhound be home alone? _____

Where will you keep your greyhound 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? _____

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 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

We occasionally have older and/or special needs greyhounds needing homes. Would you consider adopting one?
 Yes No

How did you hear about the OGA? Event Website Adopter Business card



Initial each statement if you agree with all of the following:

- _____ 1. Your greyhound must always be kept on leash whenever it is outdoors, unless in a totally fenced area.
- _____ 2. An identification tag must be kept on your greyhound at all times with name, address and phone number on it.
- _____ 3. Your greyhound must be kept as an indoor pet except when getting walks or exercise, or short periods in your yard. Your greyhound must never be left outdoors and ignored or neglected.
- _____ 4. Your greyhound must never be tied to anything. Greyhounds can harm themselves trying to slip free from this type restraint.
- _____ 5. Your greyhound has not been raised in a home environment and you must give him/her time and patience to adjust.
- _____ 6. You will never discipline your greyhound by hitting or using physical force.
- _____ 7. You agree to keep your greyhound current on all necessary shots and will seek appropriate veterinary care when it is needed.
- _____ 8. You agree to feed your greyhound an appropriate amount of food every day.
- _____ 9. Your greyhound will be kept as a pet only, and will not be used for laboratory research, hunting or racing.
- _____ 10. If your greyhound gets loose or becomes lost for any reason, you will notify the Oregon Greyhound Adoption, your local police department, and animal control immediately.
- _____ 11. If for any reason, you decide you cannot keep your greyhound, you will contact the Oregon Greyhound Adoption so we can make arrangements for his/her return to the Oregon Greyhound Adoption for placement into a new home. You must NEVER place your greyhound in a shelter or pound. You must NEVER sell your greyhound or give your greyhound away.
- _____ 12. We test for cat and small animal tolerance, but it is not a guarantee that your cat or small animal will always be safe. You agree to take the necessary precautions to insure the safety of all pets.
- _____ 13. You will allow a representative of the Oregon Greyhound Adoption to follow up with phone calls and/or visits.
- _____ 14. Once possession has been taken of the greyhound, the Oregon Greyhound Adoption is not responsible for any personal injury or physical property damage.

The Oregon Greyhound Adoption reserves the right to repossess any greyhound not being cared for properly as indicated by, but not limited to, the conditions above.

I certify that the above information is true and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse or Partner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to:

Oregon Greyhound Adoption
PO Box 1972
Gresham, Oregon 97030

Placement rep: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____



The Reality Check

Before going further, step back and consider fully what you are doing. A dog is not a trial-run item. It is a sentient being that will not understand why it is once again being uprooted from its home. Nor will it understand that its family welcomed it into their home and then tired of it as they would another toy. When you invite a dog into your family, invite it as a real family member, not a passing fancy or a conversation piece...

Count on having your greyhound for another ten years. Count on spending a lot of money on food and veterinary bills. Count on spending every day feeding, walking, and cleaning up after your dog. Count on making sacrifices, whether it be chewed shoes, soiled carpets, or compromised vacations.

from **Greyhounds**, by Caroline Coile PhD

