



**ADOPTION/FOSTER APPLICATION**  
**Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas**  
**P.O. Box 10069, Austin TX 78766 • (512) 301-8236**  
**[www.gpacentraltexas.org](http://www.gpacentraltexas.org)**

Adoption application    Foster application

Thank you for your interest in retired racing greyhounds. Greyhounds make wonderful companion animals and will give you many years of love and devotion. A positive experience for both dog and family is possible only when the match between hound and home is appropriate. Consequently, this application is designed to assess potential adopters and foster families. Yes, it's long and detailed! Our goal is to ensure that everyone who brings a greyhound into their home understands the responsibilities as well as the joys of having a greyhound.

The people you encounter during the application process have worked in greyhound adoption for many years and have seen many happy endings. Unfortunately, we've also seen sad ones. Our mandate is to do what is in the best interest of the greyhound. Before considering adoption, please know that greyhounds can live 10 to 14 years, making this a serious long-term commitment. The dogs rely on us to place them into appropriate, loving, permanent homes. All adults in your household must agree to this commitment and sign the application.

It is very traumatic for a dog to be returned by a family once it has settled into its new home. No pet should EVER be considered disposable. Furthermore, note that the greyhound is not for everyone. They are not watchdogs, and they are not outdoor dogs. Not all of them are safe with cats or other small animals.

The total adoption donation is \$195 (of which \$150 is tax deductible). **A check for \$100 must be submitted with the application to adopt: \$25 covers processing, \$75 is refundable if we cannot match you with a dog.** The remaining \$95 of the adoption donation is due when the greyhound is adopted. [For senior dogs (nine years or older) the total adoption donation is \$100.] There is no fee for foster applications. Please complete all fields. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

Your adoption donation includes:

- Neuter/spay
- All vaccinations (DHLPP and rabies)
- Heartworm test, as well as any required treatment
- Dental cleaning, including extractions if necessary
- A leash with two collars — one martingale, one breakaway
- Turnout muzzle
- Zoom Groom
- *Adopting the Retired Racing Greyhound for Dummies*, by Lee Livingood
- Membership in GPA/Central Texas for one year
- Information and support from GPA-CT

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Placement Coordinator Sally McIntosh at (512) 301-8236 or [placement@gpacentraltexas.org](mailto:placement@gpacentraltexas.org).

**General information**

Primary adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Best place to call:  Home  Work  Cell Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary adopter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Best place to call:  Home  Work  Cell Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Nature of household**

Number of adults in home \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children in home \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children living in home \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of other children who regularly visit (stepchildren, grandchildren, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are these children gentle and respectful of animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that if there are children under the age of eight living or visiting your home, we will encourage you to read *Childproofing your Dog*, by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson before adopting or fostering. This small, paperback book is available through Amazon.com and other bookstores.

Names, ages and relationships of other adults living in home (Please note if any have special mobility issues, such as unsteady on feet, use a walker/crutches/cane, in a wheelchair, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone in your household allergic to:  dogs?  cats? Who is allergic? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the activity level of your household?  Quiet  Moderately active  Very active

What are the hours an adult is at home during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently live in:  Single family home  Apartment  Condo  Townhouse  Mobile home  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you:  Own  Rent  Lease

If you rent or lease you must provide GPA-CT with written proof that the landlord agrees to you adopting a dog between 50-100 pounds before placement will be considered.

If you have a completely fenced yard, how tall is the fence at its LOWEST point? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of fence is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: "Invisible fencing" should never be used for a greyhound.

If you do not have a fenced yard, are you willing and able to take your greyhound outside on a leash several times each day to relieve himself and for exercise?  Yes  No

If you have a swimming pool, can you restrict access to the pool? (Greyhounds may not be able to swim and can easily drown in pools.)  Yes  No

**Interest in greyhounds**

How did you learn about greyhound adoption with GPA-CT?  Newspaper ad  Friend  
 GPA-CT Web site  GPA-CT Meet & Greet (which location?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever met a greyhound?  Yes  No

Why do you want to adopt a greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been considering a greyhound for your family? \_\_\_\_\_

**Current and past pets**

Please tell us about the pets that currently live in your home. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type	If dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?

Where do your pets spend their days? \_\_\_\_\_ nights? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all your current dogs given monthly heartworm prevention?  Yes  No

Name, address and phone number of your current veterinarian/clinic \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long has this vet cared for your pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: We may ask your veterinarian to act as a reference for you as a pet guardian.

Have you owned dogs previously?  Yes  No

Who was the dog's primary caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your previous pets. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type	If dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?	Years this pet lived with you	What happened to this pet?

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or a rescue group?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption readiness**

It will cost at least \$400 each year to care for your greyhound. (This amount includes food, heartworm prevention, flea control, annual vaccinations, pet registration fees, and annual vet check-ups). This amount will increase if your greyhound becomes ill, injured, or needs special care or training. Are you willing and able to spend the necessary funds to provide satisfactory care for your greyhound?  Yes  No

What is the longest period of time your greyhound would be at home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your greyhound stay when you are not at home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

What arrangements will you make for your greyhound when you are traveling? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you or does your family anticipate any major lifestyle changes during the upcoming year (i.e. retirement, extensive travel, new baby, moving, new job, schedule change, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet to a shelter or rescue group?  
(Please check all that apply.)  Barking  Biting  Chewing  Destructiveness  Digging  
 Fleas/Ticks  Moving  Home remodeling  Too expensive  Having a baby  
 Too rough with children  Unable to housetrain  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caregiver for your greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate your experience with dogs:

Primary adopter: 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
not knowledgeable very knowledgeable

Secondary adopter: 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
not knowledgeable very knowledgeable

Are all adult household members in complete agreement with adopting a greyhound?  Yes  No

If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your preferences for the greyhound that will be placed in your home?

Gender:  Spayed female  Neutered male

Activity level:  High  Medium  Low

Color:  No preference  Black  Brindle  Red  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Other preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasionally an older greyhound or one with special needs will become available for adoption. Would you consider adopting such a dog?  Special needs dog  Senior dog (nine years and older)  Not interested

GPA-Central Texas is a placement and support organization. Keeping GPA-CT informed with your contact information will assist us in providing support should your dog become lost. After adoption, you may periodically be contacted to update our database regarding the status of your greyhound. Are you willing to provide this information to GPA-CT?  Yes  No

To ensure the health and safety of the greyhound, the following Adoption Requirements must be complied with explicitly. Failure to do so can result in GPA-CT reclaiming the greyhound.

**ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Your greyhound must be kept on a leash when outdoors, unless it is in a fenced area. NEVER trust your greyhound not to run away.
2. You must keep a collar with identification tags on your dog at all times. Tags that are required to be on your greyhound are (1) GPA-CT ID tag; (2) ID tag with greyhound’s name, address, and phone number; (3) vet/rabies tag; and (4) pet registration (if required by city of residence). **Please carefully read the attached handout regarding collar safety.**
3. If your greyhound should become lost you are REQUIRED to notify GPA-CT immediately. Refer to the list of emergency contact numbers provided at the time of adoption.
4. If you should ever decide you can no longer care for or do not want your greyhound, you must notify GPA-CT before taking any action. You may not give your greyhound to anyone else without consent of GPA-CT and you must never release the dog to a veterinarian, research facility, permanent blood donor colony, “pound,” or other animal shelter. Adoption of a greyhound from GPA-CT is with the understanding that the dog will be kept as a pet and never used for racing, breeding, or laboratory research, or in a permanent colony used for blood donation. Becoming a voluntary blood donor, however, is encouraged.
5. You agree to take the dog to your veterinarian for an annual visit, to include necessary vaccinations and tests for parasites. You also agree to maintain a regular schedule for heartworm prevention, as recommended by your veterinarian. You agree that regular dental examination and cleaning is also your responsibility.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Adoption Requirements. If I qualify and receive a greyhound from GPA-CT, I will accept full responsibility for the care and safety of the greyhound.

I also understand that to complete the processing of this application, representatives of GPA-CT will contact me for a telephone interview and a home visit in order to assist in matching the needs of the greyhound with the needs of the household. By submitting this application I agree to such a scheduled visit and confirm that all members of the household will be present for the visit. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this application with \$100 deposit toward adoption donation to:  
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Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas is a chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, a national non-profit organization whose mission is to find responsible loving homes for greyhounds which fail to qualify for the racetrack or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption.

For GPA use only: Deposit enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_