

**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 GPA Tri-State in evaluating the willingness and ability of prospective greyhound adopters to meet that responsibility. The first part of this process is for you to review the information provided on our website, by our adoption representatives and volunteers, and in the required reading. If you then feel a retired racing greyhound can become a welcome and loving member of your family and you/your family are prepared to make commitment for the lifetime of a greyhound, please complete this application. Information on how to submit it is located on the bottom of the last page.

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**Applicant Information**

**Co-Applicant Information**

_____	Name	_____
_____	Address	_____
_____	Address	_____
_____	Cell phone	_____
_____	Landline	_____
_____	Employer	_____
_____	Occupation	_____
_____	Work phone	_____
	Only list work phone if it's okay to call you at work.	
_____	Email	_____

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How did you hear of GPA Tri-State? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you anticipating any major changes in the next 12 months? (new job, marriage, retirement, baby, travel, moving, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already or will you apply to other greyhound adoption groups? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

What is a typical workday like in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a typical weekend day like in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your work/school schedules to give us an idea how long a greyhound would be left alone. \_\_\_\_\_

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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. List first name, gender, relationship (child, grandchild, friend, niece, nephew, etc.) and age of each child.

Name	Gender	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*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 4 need to consider this and be open to education provided by GPA Tri-State, and should be willing to make special arrangements necessary for dogs and children to coexist within the family.*

Please circle what kind of home you live in. House Apartment Condo Mobile home

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

Landlord's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what kind of fencing is it? \_\_\_\_\_

How high is it at its tallest point? \_\_\_\_\_ How high is it at its shortest point? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the fenced area have direct access to an exterior door of the home? \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Families with children under the age of 10 must have a completely fenced area with direct access from an exterior door of the house.*

If you don't have a fence, are you planning to install one? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

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 first few weeks or months in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Required Reading**

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 will provide useful information.

- Adopting the Racing Greyhound*** by Cynthia Branigan
- Guide to Adopting an Ex-Racing Greyhound*** by Carolyn Raeke
- Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies*** by Lee Livingood

NOTE: For families with children under the age of 10, the following book is required reading:

- Living With Kids and Dogs Without Losing Your Mind*** by Colleen Pelar
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**Current and Past Pets**

Please fill out the following information for all of your pets within the past 10 years, both living and deceased.

Type (dog, cat, ferret, bird, etc.)	Breed  (if known)	Name	Current age or age at death	If deceased, cause of death	Male or female	Spayed or neutered	Where does this pet stay when no one is home?	Where does this pet sleep at night?	General personality type (friendly, shy, etc.)

Have you ever rehomed one of your pets? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who is your current veterinarian/clinic?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name City, State ( ) Phone number

Please list 2 people who have known you at least 2 years and are not family members. Be sure to let them know a representative from GPA Tri-State may contact them so they aren't caught by surprise if we call.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name ( ) Phone number Best time to call

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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 also serves as authorization for your veterinarian to release information to a GPA Tri-State representative regarding your care of current and past pets.

1. The adoption donation is \$300.
2. The greyhound must be kept solely as a pet. His or her 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 greyhound at all times. Tags must include a tag from GPA Tri-State and a tag with the owner's current contact information on it. An alternative or additional form of identification may be a collar embroidered with the owner's current contact information.
6. Your greyhound is microchipped. It is up to the adopter to register and maintain contact information with the microchip company.
7. Adopter will notify GPA Tri-State immediately if the dog becomes lost.
8. If the adopter can no longer keep the greyhound, he or she will return the dog to GPA Tri-State.
9. Adopter will provide the dog with proper nutrition and veterinary care including, but not limited to, regular examinations, dental care, and vaccinations in accordance with American Animal Hospital Association guidelines.
10. Adopter will answer any inquiries from a GPA Tri-State representative about the status of the greyhound promptly.
11. Adopter will inform GPA Tri-State of any change in address, phone number, email, or other contact information.

Once the review of the application and references has been completed satisfactorily, I/we understand that a home visit will be scheduled to complete the application process. By submitting this application, I/we agree to a scheduled home visit and confirm that all members of the household will attend the home visit. 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

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Co-Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail completed application to:  
GPA Tri-State  
c/o Stacey McCarty  
524 E 27<sup>th</sup> St  
Owensboro KY 42303

OR

Email as .pdf or .jpg to  
[sumccarty@yahoo.com](mailto:sumccarty@yahoo.com)