

Prison Greyhounds Adoption Application (revised 9/2017)

Greyhound ownership is serious responsibility and commitment. This application is designed to assist us in helping you determine which dog is the best fit for your household. It also allows us to evaluate your willingness and ability to meet that responsibility. If you are ready to commit to the lifetime of a greyhound, please submit this application.

Name all adults (21+) in home, & ages: _____

Name all children/minors (under 21): _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Date of application _____

Daytime phone(s) _____

Evening phone(s) _____ Best times to call _____

Email address _____

Occupation(s) _____

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing greyhound? _____

How did you hear about Prison Greyhounds? _____

Have you ever visited one of our Meet & Greets? At which store? _____

Circle type of home you live in: House Mobile-home Apartment Condo Duplex..... **Do you:** Own Rent

If renting, landlord's name _____ Phone _____

Have you asked your Landlord's permission yet to adopt a greyhound? _____ Does your lease allow? _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No If yes, how tall? _____ What type? _____

If no fence: If you discover that the dog you adopted needs a fenced yard to be happy, would you (circle):
build a fence or reluctantly return the dog

Outside of fast potty breaks, if you do not have a fence, how frequently each day will you walk your dog?
_____ For about how long, on each walk? _____

Please read the section in the **Adoption Handbook** (on website under After Adoption Resources) under Exercise, about how younger or crated greyhounds, or one without a fenced yard will require more walking.

Do you have an in-ground swimming pool? Yes No Is it fenced off from pets? Or hard cover installed? _____

The activity level of your household is: Quiet Average Active Very Active

Do you agree to a home visit by an Adoption Team Volunteer before approval? _____

Does anyone on your home have special needs? Please explain _____

As an adult, have you ever owned a retired racing greyhound before? Yes No How Many? _____

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As an adult, how many other dogs have you owned? _____ Did you ever have to surrender a dog to an animal shelter or rehome any of these? _____ If yes, please explain on the back of this form or in a separate email.

List all CURRENT pets/animals: _____

If you have a cat, please read **Introducing Your Greyhound to A Cat** document on website under After Adoption Resources. We ask you to read this before your home visit.

Have you read **Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies book by Lee Livingood** as part of your research into this breed? We cannot conduct the home visit until you have read this book. Every greyhound is different from your previous greyhounds, so you will want to reference this book after adoption. We recommend you buy the book rather than renting from library. Circle: I own & have read it I am reading it now

We also require you read our **Adoption Handbook** (downloaded from the ADOPTION page on our website.) This is an important research requirement. Have you read our handbook? Yes I am reading it now

Are all members in your household in total agreement to adopt a greyhound? Yes No

Please circle anticipated major lifestyle changes over the next 12 months such as: retirement, new employment, extended travel, new baby, marriage, divorce, moving, change in schedule, other
Explain how this will impact your new greyhound. (Attach an explanation, or send an email with this application.

How many hours will the greyhound be alone each day? _____ (We will discuss your dogs's schedule)... How long in between potty breaks? _____

If necessary, are you willing to purchase an XL, X-tall, crate (no smaller than 48L x 30W x 33H) for your greyhound's safety and protection? We do not allow plastic airline crates. _____

If your greyhound requires, or does better in, an exercise pen instead of crate (42 inches tall, 4feet x 4 feet wide), are you willing to make this adjustment while he transitions? _____

Where will the greyhound sleep at night? _____

Are you willing and able to spend the funds necessary for greyhound ownership? _____

PLEASE INITIAL: I / We agree to:

___ Understand that our greyhound will need time and patience to adjust to our house and family

___ Keep our greyhound on leash (never a retractable) unless in a fenced area. Never tie him to anything.

___ Never discipline our greyhound hitting him / her.

___ Keep our greyhound up to date on necessary vaccinations, monthly heartworm prevention, and seek veterinary care when needed.

___ Return our greyhound to Prison Greyhounds if we decide we cannot keep him / her. I / we will not give him to an animal shelter, transfer, or 'dispose' of him otherwise. Our greyhound will remain as our family house pet.

___ Keep an identification tag on our greyhound at all times (even if microchipped)

___ Agree to follow up from our volunteers after we have received our greyhound to ensure a successful adoption

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___Notify Prison Greyhounds, Animal Care & Control, shelters and www.IndyLostPetAlert.com if your greyhound becomes loose.

REFERENCES: Our first check is with your veterinarian to confirm that your dogs are current on vaccinations and heartworm prevention. If you desire, we can suggest a greyt veterinarian in your area

Your veterinarian name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City _____

ADOPTION FEE: Our adoption fee of \$275 goes toward reimbursement of veterinary care for the greyhound including, but not limited to; spay/neuter, dental cleaning, heartworm test, deworming medication, and vaccinations as explained on our website. All adopted greyhounds receive a collar, leash, and muzzle. Your adoption fee also helps us continue this life changing program.

ACCEPTANCE of Prison Greyhounds Adoption Process: I / We understand that in order to complete this application, a volunteer with Prison Greyhounds (PG) will schedule a visit to our home to assist in matching our household with the right greyhound. I / we agree that all members of the household will be present during this home visit. I / we certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct. By signing below I also agree to follow the requirements above.

(PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT)

I agree that the greyhound is being adopted for me, and my immediate family at this address. I understand that this greyhound will not be sold, adopted, given to another party or otherwise released from my care unless extreme circumstances require the same. I agree that if at any point, I cannot keep the greyhound for any reason, I must return the dog to Prison Greyhounds (PG) without requesting return of the adoption fee.

I agree with PG's assessment that the animal is in good health. I understand that health problems may exist that have not been identified by PG's or my inspection, and that PG does not make any expressed or implied guarantees relative to the health or temperament of the animal. I will not hold Prison Greyhounds responsible for any medical charges, etc, if this dog becomes ill after adoption.

I am financially able to provide all that is necessary for this pet and care for this pet humanely; provide a good home; obtain medical attention when needed (including proper immunization); and give fresh, nutritionally balanced food and fresh water daily. I have proper facilities inside and outside my home for this pet. I agree that the greyhound will not be allowed outdoors without proper supervision on a secure leash, or fenced yard and with proper identification. I will not allow this pet to be abused or mistreated in any way or to be used for experimental or medical research purposes, unless it is through the Greyhound Health Initiative.

In consideration for being allowed to adopt a pet from Prison Greyhounds, I hereby assume all risk of injury and/or loss of property that may result to me. I hereby hold harmless; and I release and forever discharge Prison Greyhounds, Inc., its board, volunteers, foster homes, Putnamville Correctional Facility and the inmate-handlers, and any veterinarian treating the greyhound at the request of PG, from any and all claims and actions, including, but not limited to losses, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses arising from bodily injury or property damage resulting from the adoption of a pet, whether personal injury to me, my family members, third parties, or other animals.

Animal behavior is unpredictable and animals may injure people, other animals or property. There is no list all possible risks of owning and caring for any animal, including this animal.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date _____

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Send this signed application to: Prison Greyhounds, 2952 Haverhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or scan and email to prisongreyhounds@comcast.net Do not fax, phone, or text applications.

THIS PAGE IS REQUIRED ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AT HOME

Adoption Addendum for Families with Children at Home

In what ways have you taught your children to respect dogs?

The number one reason greyhounds return is because some children do not have proper respect for the dog. So the dog bites the child, and this could have been prevented. Warning growls have gone ignored. And quite predictably, the children get bit. Sometimes even the first bite gets ignored! These incidents are preventable if the proper barriers and practices are first put in place. We are discovering that many parents are not very good at reading a dog's warning signs. If a dog is trying to tell you that he is not feeling safe and secure, if his avoidance behavior or his growls go ignored, it WILL escalate into a bite. Do not suppress the growl, address the child's behavior. If the reasons behind the growl are not addressed, your dog feels he has no choice but to bite. After all, if the parent is not protecting the dog, the dog has to protect himself. Please do not adopt a greyhound just because your last greyhound was so wonderful with your children that he allowed them to hang on his neck. Or he liked sharing his bed or couch with the youngsters. Your new greyhound is a totally different dog. The relationship that those same children will have with a different dog is just that – different. Bites are scary for the children and the parent, but that greyhound is every bit as much afraid of the child when the dog feels he has no choice but to bite. All dogs that are adopted into families deserve respect. We teach our kids not to bully other kids. So why don't we sometimes recognize when our newly adopted dog feels bullied by our child?

- These greyhounds do not like being hugged by children
- Greyhounds do not like to be rough housed
- Greyhounds do not like food or toys taken away by a child
- Greyhounds do not like children on their dog beds, inside their crates, wrestling in their presence, or jumping around them (over them)
- If your dog walks away from a child, he is not comfortable with the child at that moment.
- If his ears are tightly laid back, or his tail tucked between his legs, he is afraid
- Greyhounds should never share the children's bedroom
- Yawning in an inappropriate context (during interactions with children, vet visit) is an attempt to relieve internal stress. Change the environment!
- The "wet dog shake" (when a dog is not wet) is an attempt to shake off internal stress
- Lip licking, rapid tongue darting, or panting when not hot, can indicate high stress
- Holding breath (after suddenly closing mouth) can be a warning sign
- Sudden barks, growls directed at a person can be a serious warning. Stop interaction
- Turning away or avoiding eye contact indicates a dog does not want interaction. Don't force it!
- Are the whites of his eyes showing? The dog is stressed. Often seen in a sideways look.

We make no guarantees, nor assume any liability that any dog will not bite. We advise that any dog, including a greyhound, can be provoked into biting. Dogs send warnings, even if parents don't read them. We place total responsibility on the adopter for the safety of both the greyhound and the children. We willingly take back any greyhound for ANY reason. The adoption fees are nonrefundable, but you may request a donation receipt for your taxes if you ever need us to rehome your greyhound. (Please read **Let Sleeping Dogs Lie** document on our website under After Adoption Resources.)

I have read this page and acknowledge responsibility. (All adult adopters must sign and date)

All Adult Signature(s)

(Date)