

Prison Greyhounds **Foster Home** Guidelines and Application

(Revised October 2022)

Prison Greyhounds is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dedicated to placing former racing greyhounds, greyhound farm dogs, and greyhound lurchers in permanent loving homes. This application is designed for those who desire to foster, with NO intent to adopt. Of course, you are always free to later change your mind, but there is no hold on the dog while you are fostering.

As a Foster home, I/we agree to the following:

- Do not change the name of your foster, nor teach him a new nickname.
- Fosters wear only our martingale collar & ID tags at all times, even in the house. The collar should be tight enough that to remove it, you must tuck each ear one at a time underneath the collar. It should not be easily slipped off. We will fit the collar for you.
- Use only the leash we provide. Never use a retractable leash.
- Keep your dog on leash unless in secure fenced area. Never tether him to anything.
- Hold the dog with the “greyhound grip” (We can demonstrate.)
- The size of the crate we use is 48L x 30W x 33H. We can provide the crate.
- Always muzzle when more than one hound is loose in the yard or transported in the car. We provide the muzzle.
- No dog parks. No lure coursing for your foster dog.
- Never leave your foster unattended in a car, even on cooler days.
- If you are going on vacation, please discuss your plans with us concerning the foster.
- IF YOUR FOSTER DOG SHOULD GET LOOSE, contact Prison Greyhounds right away.
- Send weekly updates to both your Foster Director Erin Jesswein, and prisongreyhounds@comcast.net each weekend.
- Never discipline by hitting your foster dog.
- This dog is not to be mistreated in any way. Children must be required to respect the dog.

When your foster dog needs a bath:

- Hollywood Feed locations will allow a free DIY dog wash to a foster dog. Say THANK YOU!
- Do not use flea shampoo. It would be too much and might cause a toxic reaction.
- **Parasite preventive:** We will provide monthly heartworm / flea preventive. We use ONLY Advocate heartworm / flea preventive (also known as Advantage Multi), combined with Drontal Plus. (Make sure that he receives the entire Advocate dosage, one line from middle of shoulder blades, middle of back, ending at backbone between hip bones, but not too close to tail. Use the tip of the applicator to separate the fur so that it applies directly to the skin instead of sitting on top. Do not touch that oily spot.) You will be given a dosage schedule along with your medications.

ID Tag & Collar

- A Prison Greyhounds foster id tag will be attached to his martingale collar. When he adopts, hopefully the adopter will already have a new ID tag. If not, they must order one right away and return the Foster ID tag to us. The adopter always keeps the collar.

Feeding and LOTS of Water

- You provide dog food for the foster as a tax deductible donation. We do not provide it.
- Keep dog treats to a minimal.
- Do not feed human food to your foster, even as a snack.
- On average: Males are fed 2 cups twice a day, females 1 ½ cups twice a day. Add water liberally. Feed twice per day. Do not free feed. Provide fresh water at all times.
- Ideally, feed new hounds in their crate or X-pen with the door shut, so he does not feel he must scarf it down before another dog comes to take his food.

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- *Consider* feeding Beef Kibble (your choice) as explained in our Adoption Handbook, which can be downloaded from our website.
- Never feed the foster close to your own dogs. Dogs can get possessive of food.
- Expect a new greyhound to consume LOTS of extra water, and therefore need LOTS of extra trips outside at first. Excess water consumption in a newly arrived greyhound is the most frequent sign of separation stress. Do NOT withhold water.

Veterinarians, Emergencies, Injuries, Medications

IMPORTANT: We agree to assume all veterinary expenses for your foster dog if you follow these specific directions: YOU MUST NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, MARY LOUDEN at 317-259-7419 AND GET PERMISSION

BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR FOSTER DOG TO THE VET. There are many reasons for this. The same goes with giving your dog medication or supplements - Seek permission first. The legal owner of the dog is Prison Greyhounds. We have the dog's medical history. If you do not get an immediate answer, leave a detailed voicemail.

- Pick up a packet of pills with your foster dog (Parasite preventives, meds for spay/neuter)
- If your dog gets injured, call President Mary Loudon. 317-259-7419
- All your other pets must be current on their vaccinations to prevent contagious diseases.
- As mentioned, keep your foster on monthly heartworm prevention, which we will provide.

House Manners are Important!

- Do not allow the foster on furniture. Let the adopter decide if this will be permitted.
- Use (or teach) the commands "Kennel up!" (Get in the crate), "no", "leave it" (much stronger than no – a serious reprimand), and "OFF" when they jump up on a person or counter.
- Train your foster dog to get used to being left alone for short periods of time. Some may end up as only dogs and need to get used to being alone. Use radio, TV, toys and lights to help. Always crate your new foster when leaving the house. This is for his/her protection as well as yours.

If you fall in love with your foster and decide that you want to adopt him for yourself,

please let us know as soon as you decide. There is no "first right" for the foster homes, unless you have spoken up first. Meanwhile, we are actively promote these dogs. On any day, or any home visit, we can change the foster dog to adoption-pending for a pre-approved adopter. We would hate to turn you down, but we would also hate to turn down a potential adopter that spoke up first. We will not tell you if someone is inquiring about your foster dog. Please understand that we do our best to avoid disappointments.

Your Foster Director, Erin Jesswein <erin.jesswein@gmail.com>, is always available to assist you. Please utilize her expertise. Thank you for your willingness to foster a very special dog. This is a huge help to us, a very valuable donation of your home and time! Please be advised that reasonable expenses donated toward fostering are tax deductible. This includes, but is not limited to: dog food, treats, mileage, toys, bedding, etc. Consult your tax advisor.

Please keep pages 1-2 for your reference,
Return only pages 3-4

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_____ I have read "BRINGING HOME YOUR RETIRED RACING GREYHOUND OR LURCHER" Adoption Handbook, which can be downloaded on the ADOPTION PROCESS page of the website.

_____ I have read the Prison Greyhounds website for a better understanding of who we are.

Date: _____

Name & ages of all adults in the home: _____

Relationship to each other _____

Ages of children/minors): _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

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Email address(es) _____

Occupation(s): _____ & _____

Do you live (circle): House Apartment Condo Duplex Do you: Own Rent

If renting, landlord's / homeowner's name: _____ Phone: _____

Do you have a fenced in yard? Yes No If yes, what type of fence and how high? _____

Do you have padlocks on your gates or how do you secure them? _____

If not, how frequently would you walk the greyhound? _____

Do you have an in-ground swimming pool? Yes No Fenced off from pets? or hard cover?

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

Can everyone be present during a home visit by an Adoption Team Representative? _____

Does anyone have special needs? Please explain _____

Have you watched the Video "Introduction to The Lurcher Class" found on our website? _____

Have you ever adopted a greyhound or lurcher? Yes No How many? _____

From what group? _____

How many greyhounds/lurchers have you fostered? _____ Any directly off the haul? Yes No

Please list all current pets: _____

How many total hours will the foster greyhound be alone each day? _____

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Are you willing to crate your foster for his safety and protection when necessary? Yes No

Where will the greyhound stay when you are not at home? _____

Where will the greyhound sleep at night? _____

REFERENCES: Your current veterinarian: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____ City _____

Do we have any mutual acquaintances for additional references? _____

ACCEPTANCE: I / We understand that a representative of Prison Greyhounds will schedule a visit to our home, when all members of the household will be present. I / We certify that all information provided in this application is true / correct. By signing below I agree to follow the requirements above.

X _____ Date: _____

X _____ Date: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT ----- I agree that the greyhound is being fostered by me, and my immediate family at the address in this application. The owner of my foster dog is Prison Greyhounds. I understand that this dog will not be sold, adopted, given to another party or otherwise released from my care unless I am specifically directed by an official representative of the Prison Greyhounds (PG). I agree that if at any point, I cannot foster the dog for any reason; I will return the dog to Prison Greyhounds (PG). I will surrender the dog to PG immediately if requested at any time. 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 am financially able to foster and care for this dog humanely; provide a good home; give dog food twice daily, and fresh water. I have proper facilities inside and outside my home for this pet. I agree that the dog will not be allowed outdoors without proper supervision on a secure leash, or fenced yard and with proper identification. In consideration for being allowed to foster a dog from Prison Greyhounds, I hereby assume all risk of injury and/or loss of property that may result. I hereby hold harmless; and I release and forever discharge Prison Greyhounds, Inc., its board, volunteers, and any veterinarian treating the dog 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 fostering of a pet, whether personal injury to me, my property, my family members, third parties, or other animals.

I acknowledge and accept that:

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

Foster's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Potential Foster: send this signed application to:

Prison Greyhounds, 2952 Haverhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or scan and email to prisongreyhounds@comcast.net (We do not have a fax machine)

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