

Prison Greyhounds Foster Home Guidelines and Application

Prison Greyhounds is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit dedicated to placing former racing greyhounds in permanent loving homes, while providing the inmate-handler with the opportunity of finding compassion, unconditional love and rehabilitation.

In an ideal world, the prison greyhounds go directly from their prison foster home into their new adoptive forever home after they graduate. However, we need an alternate plan in case this is not possible. We also will not leave a greyhound in the program if he is not adjusting well to his incarceration. We also specialize in fostering and adopting "repaired fracture dogs". These lovable dogs must be fostered in a home. These are greyhounds that retired due to racing injuries. They are totally healed from surgery when we receive them. They need a home for a short period of time to allow them to rebuild their leg muscle to full strength, while we seek their forever home.

I / We agree to the following:

- Do not change the name of your foster, nor teach him a new nickname.
- Fosters are to 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 fit like a necklace, which can be slipped off.
- Use only the leash we provide. Never use a retractable leash.
- Keep your dog on leash unless in a completely enclosed area. Never tether him to anything.
- Hold the dog with the "greyhound grip" (We can demonstrate.)
- The size of the crate we use for greyhounds is 48L x 30W x 33H. We can provide the crate.
- Always muzzle when more than one greyhound is loose in the yard or car. We provide the muzzle.
- No dog parks.
- Never leave your foster unattended in a car, even on cooler days.
- The foster is used to being crated, but do not abuse the crating.
- Do not make your foster sleep in his/her crate at night. The first night is ok, but then leave the door open and let him choose the crate or a dog bed in your bedroom. Some like the security of their crate. Trying a baby gate at some point is also good. It shows the dog boundaries.
- 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 your Foster Director EVERY 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.
- No lure coursing for your foster dog.
- Gini's Greyhound Fashions is our dog apparel sponsor; and will provide a coat for your foster. Please use only these coats to show appreciation by highlighting her workmanship!
- Foster homes should bring their dog to meet & greets, as schedules allow. It is up to you to take the initiative by looking on the EVENTS page of the website. If we know in advance we can post that your foster dog will be available to meet potential adopters.

When your foster dog needs a bath:

- The following location may be used free of charge if you tell them he is a foster dog. Be sure to say THANK YOU!

PetPeople in Nora Plaza 1300 E 86 th St, Indianapolis, 46240 (next to Whole Foods)	PetPeople in Carmel 2480 E 146 th St, Carmel, 46033 (next to The Fresh Market)
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- **On New Dog Day:** We dose the dogs with Capstar or Nexgard the day before arrival. *. **Do not use flea shampoo.** It would be too much and might cause a toxic reaction.
- **Flea preventive:** Be sure to pick up your heartworm / flea preventive at the dropsite. We ask the foster parents to apply topical heartworm/flea preventive after dog is totally dry. We use Advocate heartworm / flea preventive. Make sure that he receives the entire dosage, one line from middle of shoulder blades, middle of back, ending at backbone between rear legs (not too close to tail). Use

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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 until it fades away. We will provide monthly heartworm / flea preventive to be given every month.

- A Prison Greyhounds foster id tag will be attached to his martingale collar.
- The plastic track kennel collar, and kennel muzzle are for his forever family. (Cherished mementos!)

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.
- *Consider* feeding Beef Kibble (your choice) as explained in our Adoption Handbook, “Bringing Home Your Retired Racer”, which can be downloaded from the ADOPTION page on our website.
- Never feed the foster close to your own dogs. They can get possessive of food dishes.
- Provide fresh water at all times unless crated.
- 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.
- Avoid giving peanut butter (like inside a Kong) as this is a frequent cause of loose stools. You may give only enough to pill a dog, if that is helpful.

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 at the drop. Every foster dog is given **Metronidazole tablets** (for stress related diarrhea) even if they do not have loose stools. Give with each meal, twice daily. These pills also have antibiotic qualities, so it is important that the dogs be given the pills until the pills run out.
- If your dog gets injured, call President Mary Louden also.
- 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.
- In your Foster Packet you will find a Drontal Plus de-worming medication. We de-worm every dog on the evening they arrive. This may decrease their appetite and energy level, do not worry.

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).
- Train your crated 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.

Repaired Fracture Dogs

These are dogs that retired due to a racing injury. The repaired fracture dogs will arrive out of their cast. They have rehabbed as far as possible prior to your foster care. The limb may have a bunch of hardware in it. At their previous kennel, they only got out of their crate 4 times a day, for a short time. This did not give them the time they need to rehab the muscle. Being fostered in a home, where they are uncrated the majority of the time, and going for walks enables them to build up the muscle. These

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hounds won't gain total use of their limb until they get into your foster home where they can move around more. This quickly rebuilds muscle. Up until this point, most broken legs have been "leash walk only". Some dogs were let out alone in turn out pens, thus preventing their ability to get up any real speed running. Now it is important that we build them up **gradually**. As muscles rebuild they can be given more freedom to run, but continue to supervise, especially if running with other dogs. Build slowly. Most of the broken legs will do ok on stairs and some may find them awkward.

The surgeons recommend that glucosamine after adoption would probably be a good idea for the fractures, but we will let the adopters discuss that with their own vet. We will not start the healed fracture dogs on any supplements. These dogs have been given a Rimadyl tablet before they left Daytona, only because they will be cramped in a small travel compartment unable to stretch that leg. You will notice they favor this leg for a few days after arrival. Do not medicate the dog.

Occasionally down the line, well after adoption, a broken leg dog may start to reject their hardware and it will need to be removed. This is highly unlikely, but can be a possibility. We will advise the adopter, but just want you to understand as well.

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 engaged in promoting these dogs. On any day we can receive a deposit from a pre-approved adopter. On any home visit we may accept a deposit. We would hate to turn you down, but we would also hate to turn down a potential adopter that spoke up first. Please understand that we do our best to avoid disappointments.

Your Foster Director, Erin Jesswein, is always available to assist you. Please utilize her expertise. Thank you for your willingness to foster a very special dog.

Please keep pages 1-3 for reference,
Return pages 4-5 to us
as directed on the bottom of page 5

Thank you for fostering. 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.

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_____ I have read, understood, and agree to the previous 3 page guideline on this Foster Application
_____ I have read BRINGING YOUR RETIRED RACING GREYHOUND HOME (the Prison Greyhounds Adoption Manual), which can be downloaded on the ADOPTION page of the website. I recognize that some of this handbook pertains only to adopters, but that much of it is for my benefit and instruction also.

Date: _____

Name: _____ & _____

Address: _____

Best Phone(s): _____

Best time to call: _____

Email address: _____

Occupation(s): _____ & _____

Ages & number of adults in home: _____

Children at home & ages: _____

Do you live (circle): House Mobile Home 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?

Explain: _____

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

Have you ever owned a greyhound? Yes No Do you currently have a greyhound? Yes No

Have you ever fostered a greyhound directly off the haul? Yes No

Please list all current pets: _____

Are all adults in the household in total agreement to foster a greyhound? Yes No

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

How many continuous hours? _____

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? _____

Have you read "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies" book by Lee Livingood? This is required reading! _____

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REFERENCES: Our first check is with your veterinarian to confirm that your dogs are current on vaccinations and heartworm prevention.

Your veterinarian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

ACCEPTANCE: I / We understand that in order to complete this application, a representative of Prison Greyhounds will schedule a visit to our home. 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.

X _____ **Date:** _____

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(PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT** TO APPLICATION)

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 and do not receive texts)