

Prison Greyhounds Adoption Application (revised April 2023)

Pet Adoption is a responsibility and commitment. This application helps to determine a good fit for your household. It allows us to evaluate your willingness and ability to meet that responsibility. We always acknowledge receipt of your application (via email) with 24-48 hours. If not, please confirm (via email) that it reached the proper destination! Once we have acknowledged receipt of your application, we will invite you to submit a non-refundable application fee of \$20 before we begin. This fee is separate from your Adoption Fee, if approved. If there are obvious reasons for which we cannot process your application, we will state the reason for denial or delay, and will not ask for the application fee. Once the fee is submitted, if the application is not approved, the fee is non-refundable.

Name all adults living in home, include ages: _____
(Please note that our minimum adoption age is 25.)

Relationship to each other _____

Ages of children/minors in the house: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of application _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Alternate Phone _____ Best time to call _____

Email address(es) _____

Occupation(s) / Place of employment _____

How did you hear about Prison Greyhounds? _____

Do we have any mutual acquaintances to list as additional references? _____

Have you ever visited one of our events? Which one(s)? _____

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

If renting, landlord's name _____ Phone _____

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

Do you have an attached fenced yard? _____ How tall? _____ What type? _____

Or, does your complex have a separate fenced dog yard? _____

Do you plan to walk your dog? How often, how long? _____

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

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

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

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Does **anyone** have special needs? Please explain _____

As an adult, have you ever owned/fostered a greyhound or lurcher before? _____

How Many? _____

As an adult, how many other dogs have you owned? _____

Did you ever surrender a dog to an animal shelter, return, or rehome any of these? _____ If yes, please explain the reason(s) on a separate page or email.

List all CURRENT pets: _____

The greyhound lurchers (**a mix**) that we adopt out are a specific type. **We require applicants to watch the video "Introduction to The Greyhound Lurcher"**, on our website or Facebook. Have you completed this? _____

We require that you read our **Adoption Handbook** (downloaded from the ADOPTION PROCESS page on our website.) Have you read our handbook? Circle: Yes I am reading it now I have not read it

Please mark any **anticipated lifestyle changes** over the next 12 months such as: retirement, new job, extended travel, new baby, marriage, divorce, moving, change in schedule, other : _____

Explain how this will impact your new greyhound. (**Attach an explanation, or send email with this application.**)

How many hours will the new hound be alone each day? _____

(We will discuss schedules)... How long in between potty breaks? _____

Are you willing to purchase an XL crate (**NO SMALLER than 48L x 30W x 33H**) for your hound's safety and protection during transition? We do not allow plastic airline crates. _____

However, be prepared to transition your lurcher away from being crated all day, after he proves trustworthy.

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

Where will the greyhound sleep at night? _____

Where will the lurcher be when you are gone from home, running errands or working? _____

Are you honestly willing (and able) to spend the funds necessary for lifetime hound ownership? _____

PLEASE INITIAL: I / We agree to:

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

___ Keep our hound on leash unless in a secure fenced area. Never tether your hound. No retractable leash. No electric or invisible fences.

___ Never discipline a hound by hitting him. No electronic correctional collars; please return the dog instead.

___ Keep your hound up to date on vaccinations, monthly parasite prevention, & veterinary care when needed.

___ **At no time, under any circumstances, shall Adopter give, sell or transfer ownership to another person or organization, such as: animal shelter, dog pound, research clinic, or individual. If Adopter becomes incapable or unwilling to care for greyhound as described in this contract, Adopter shall immediately return dog only to Prison Greyhounds (PG).**

___ **ABANDONMENT:** in the event that Adopter leaves hound in the care of another person/kennel/facility and fails to return for hound within 10 days after the scheduled pick up date, and fails to communicate with the caregiver regarding the delay, PG may, in its sole discretion, reclaim and take possession of the hound. PG will provide Adopter with written notice (by certified mail, return receipt requested) advising the Adopter of the status of the hound and requesting that Adopter contact the caregiver and Prison Greyhounds as listed in the notice. If the

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Adopter fails to contact PG within 10 days of receipt of notice, PG may take possession of dog from caregiver and terminate Adopter's rights to the dog.

___ Adopter agrees to keep an identification tag on hound at all times (even if microchipped)

___ Adopter agrees to follow up from our volunteers after adoption delivery to ensure a successful adoption

___ Adopter agrees to notify PG, local shelters and www.IndyLostPetAlert.com if hound becomes lost

REFERENCES: If you desire, we can suggest a greyhound savvy veterinarian in your area

Your current veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____

What brand heartworm preventive do you currently use on your other pets? _____

APPLICATION FEE of \$20: Once we acknowledge receipt of your application, if we determine that it looks acceptable to begin the full screening process, we will contact you to request the non-refundable application fee. This does not count towards your Adoption Fee. Please do your research first to determine if a greyhound lurcher is right for you, before you submission, or before you try to adopt a 'specific' dog.

ADOPTION FEE: Our adoption fee of **\$400 lurcher, \$500 greyhound**, paid upon selection of a dog, goes toward veterinary care for the hound such as spay/neuter, dental cleaning, deworming meds, microchip, and vaccinations as explained on our website. All adopted hounds receive a martingale collar, leash, microchip, and muzzle. **ACCEPTANCE of Prison Greyhounds Adoption Process:** A volunteer with PG will schedule a visit to our home to assist in matching our household with the right hound. All members of the household must be present. By signing below you certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct.

(HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT)

I agree that the hound is being adopted for me, and my immediate family at this address. I understand that this hound 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 hound 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 to provide a good home; obtain medical attention when needed (including proper immunization); and give fresh, nutritional food and water daily. I have proper facilities inside and outside my home for this pet. 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, its board, volunteers, foster homes, 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, 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.

Adopter's Signature _____ Date _____

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Send this signed application to:

- **By mail: Prison Greyhounds, 2952 Haverhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240,**
- **Or scan and email: prisongreyhounds@comcast.net Do not fax, send by phone, or text applications. We cannot use an application that is a photo sent by phone.**

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This 4th page, The Adoption Addendum for Families with Children, is required **ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AT HOME**: Tell us in what ways have you taught your children to respect dogs?

The number one reason hounds 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 hound just because your last hound 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 hound 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 hound 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?

- Most hounds do not like being hugged by children
- Most hounds do not like to be rough housed
- Hounds do not like food or toys taken away by a child. Never play tug-of-war
- Hounds 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
- Hounds should never share the children's bedroom, but sleep in master 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
- 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 lurcher, 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 or lurcher for ANY reason. The adoption fees are nonrefundable, but fully transferable to another hound if we have a good match for you. .I have read this page and acknowledge responsibility. (All adult adopters must sign and date)

All Adult Signature(s) _____ (Date) _____