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# ADOPTION APPLICATION

Upon completion, please mail your application to:

**RGA, Inc.  
W6730 Fairlane Dr.  
Greenville, WI 54942**

*We will process your application and call you as soon as possible. Thank you for considering adopting a greyhound.*



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Welcome to Retired Greyhound Athletes, Inc. (RGA). We are a volunteer, non-profit organization committed to the rescue and placement of retired racing greyhounds.

**Pet ownership is a serious responsibility.** We insist that each person who adopts a greyhound understands this responsibility and be morally, physically and financially willing to accept this responsibility.

This application is designed to help both you and RGA decide if adoption by you is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding the animal most compatible with your lifestyle. We want to make sure that you and your family are adequately prepared to assume the responsible ownership which we endeavor to assure for our adoptive greyhounds. We hope you will agree that the animal's welfare must be our foremost consideration.

**In order to be considered as an adopter, you must meet the following requirements:**

- Be at least 18 years of age,
- Have consent for this adoption from all adults living in your home, as well as from your landlord if you rent,
- Understand that any greyhound you adopt must be kept current on vaccinations and licensed with the proper authorities,
- Realize that, although we will give your application full consideration, we do not approve applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Adoption approval is based on the animal's best interests.

If you agree with all of the above information, please complete this application and return it to us.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time(s) to reach you at this number \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time(s) to reach you at this number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about our group, Retired Greyhound Athletes? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want a greyhound as a pet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any preference regarding age or sex? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(We will try to match your preferences, but our first consideration must be the matching of the personalities of the dog and the family.)*

3. Please list all pets you now own and have owned in the last 10 years:

BREED	KEPT WHERE	AGE	SEX	SPAYED/NEUTERED	STILL OWN
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO

If you no longer have the above pet(s), please explain why there was a separation and when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please list the names of all adults living in your household \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list the names and ages of all children living in your household \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Note: RGA does not adopt to families with children under the age of seven. However, we may be able to direct you to a group that does.)*  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Who will be primarily responsible for the care and training of your new greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What responsibilities for your greyhound will be shared with or given to your children? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Greyhounds thrive on being with people. Approximately how many hours will your greyhound be home alone?

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours per day                      \_\_\_\_\_ Days per week

9. Describe the area in which you live:

\_\_\_\_\_ City                      \_\_\_\_\_ Suburban                      \_\_\_\_\_ Country

10. Do you live in a:

\_\_\_\_\_ House                      \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment                      \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Home                      \_\_\_\_\_ Condominium

11. If you rent or lease, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Landlord's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best time to contact landlord \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do you have a completely fenced yard or exercise area? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 If yes, please indicate approximate size of yard or area  
 and the type and height of fence \_\_\_\_\_
14. If your yard or area will not be fenced, please indicate the type and amount of exercise you will provide for your greyhound.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you plan to use an area dog park? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
16. If your yard or area is not fenced, are you willing and able to leash-walk your greyhound  
 for necessary functions at least four times each day? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you given serious consideration to the challenges of doing this in all weather conditions? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
*(i.e. You are late for work and your greyhound refuses to go in the freezing rain!)*
17. Do you have a fenced-in small "turn-out" area for bathroom duties? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
*(This is required. We recommend placement of such an area off of a back garage or service door.)*
18. Will you always keep your greyhound on a leash in unfenced areas? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
19. Greyhounds must live indoors. They cannot be kept in an outdoor kennel or dog house.  
 Do you agree to keep your greyhound inside your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
20. Are you familiar with crate training? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 Will you keep your greyhound in a crate when left home alone? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 Will you crate your greyhound overnight, and if so, for how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 Would you like more information about crate training/crating your greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
21. Are you familiar and will you comply with all legal ordinances in your area  
 regarding animal ownership *(leash laws, required vaccinations, licensing, etc.)*? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
22. Are you willing to purchase and keep an RGA recommended collar with a tag bearing  
 your name, address and phone number as well as an RGA tag on your dog at all times? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
23. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your greyhound, will you agree  
 to return it to RGA or another greyhound adoption group? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

24. What research have you done regarding this breed? List all books read and websites visited \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. What questions or concerns do you have about the breed? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Are you willing to accept immediate and full responsibility for the ownership of your greyhound, including all healthcare costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
27. Even though your new greyhound is an adult dog, he is not perfect. The following situations could occur with any breed of dog.
- *You come home to find your greyhound has chewed a sofa or other furniture.*
  - *Your greyhound leaps up and kills your expensive exotic bird.*
  - *You find your child's brand new athletic shoes in the back of your greyhound's kennel chewed beyond repair.*
  - *Your greyhound is sleeping soundly on his bed. Your child decides to go pet him, and your grey snaps at the child.*
  - *Your smaller non-grey dog barks a lot, a habit that annoys you. Your greyhound learns this undesirable behavior and now barks even louder.*
  - *Your greyhound whines in his crate the first week in your home. You and your husband are sleep deprived and exhausted.*
  - *Your greyhound has an occasional housetraining accident.*
  - *Your greyhound jumps up on counters and people. Also begs at the table.*
- How will you correct negative behavior in your dog? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Will you be responsible for the greyhound his entire life? (*often 12 years or more*) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
29. If you experience a change in lifestyle in the future, what will you do with your greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Who will care for your dog when you go on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_  
What boarding kennel(s) would you consider using? \_\_\_\_\_
31. How would you describe your household? (*circle all that apply*)
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|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a) very quiet  | b) rather easy going          | c) few visitors     | d) rarely have children visit         |
| e) average     | f) usually something going on | g) lots of activity | h) often gone evenings and/or weekend |
| i) other _____ |                               |                     |                                       |
32. Describe a typical day for your new greyhound \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
33. In addition to a regular life at home, would your ideal greyhound: (*circle all that apply*)
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|--|---|
| a) jog with a family member? _____ miles per _____ | b) walk with a family member? _____ miles per _____ |
| c) go to obedience class?                          | d) compete in obedience trials?                     |
| e) compete in lure coursing trials?                |   |
| f) go to your place of business with you?          | g) be a playmate/companion for your children?       |
34. Occasionally a greyhound with special needs such as physical restrictions or an unusual personality is available for adoption. Would you be interested in a "special" dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Add any additional information that you feel will help us understand you and your home as a potential greyhound home.

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Please complete the following ***and call your veterinarian to release your records:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

List two non-relative, local references who have known you for more than two years:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_ am / pm

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be aware that we do follow up with your references, veterinarian, and landlord. We will be honest about any reservations we may have regarding a greyhound being the right breed for you. Our adoption committee will make the final decision after a representative contacts you about any concerns we may have. We will also follow up with you several times after the adoption to check on the greyhound's health and condition, and for compliance with the adoption contract.*

I understand that in order to complete processing of this application, a visit to my home by a member of Retired Greyhound Athletes, Inc. may need to be scheduled and that by submitting this application, I agree to such a scheduled visit.

I have read the application in total and certify that all information on said Retired Greyhound Athletes, Inc. adoption application is true and correct. (Please have all adults living in your home sign and date.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR RGA USE ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_

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