



# GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA – NASHVILLE

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## Who We Are

GPA/N is a chapter of Greyhound Pets of America the largest, nationwide greyhound adoption organization. We place dogs in suitable homes in Middle Tennessee, North Alabama and Western Kentucky. If you have questions, contact us at [gpanashville@gmail.com](mailto:gpanashville@gmail.com) or 615.915.7016. Coming to Meet & Greets is a good way to learn about greyhounds as pets and about our adoption process. The M&G schedule is posted on our website at [www.gpanashville.org](http://www.gpanashville.org).

## The Adoption Process

Generally, within a week of receiving this application and your \$50 deposit, we will contact you for a 20-30 minute phone interview. A home visit typically is scheduled within a 2-3 weeks after the phone interview. **All persons who will be living in the house with the greyhound must be present for a home visit to occur.** We are an all-volunteer organization, so home visits are done on weekends. During the home visit, GPA/N representatives will endeavor to bring at least 2 dogs we believe will fit in your family.

# ADOPTION APPLICATION

## ABOUT YOU

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Employer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about GPA/Nashville? Please check all that apply.

- News story     
  Internet  
  Brochure     
  Meet & Greet     
  Veterinarian/Kennel  
 Advertisement   
  Friend     
  Petfinder.com  
  Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the temperament/personality of the greyhound you think would fit in your home and with your lifestyle.

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing greyhound?

Who will have primary responsibility for caring for and training your greyhound?

Number of adults living in your household and their ages.

Number and ages of children who LIVE in your household regularly.

Number and ages of children who VISIT your household regularly.

Yes  No Does anyone in your household have allergies? If

you move, what will you do with your greyhound?

Who will care for your greyhound if you are on vacation or out of town?

Yes  No Are you anticipating any major life changes? Check all that apply.

- Marriage  
  Divorce     
  Move  
  Remodeling  
  Pregnancy/Adoption  
 Change in job  
  Care of a family member  
  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PETS

Please list all pets you currently have. Use additional sheets, if needed.

Type                                      M/F   Age      Neuter/Spayed   Temperament

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Yes No Have you had other pets in the past? Provide details, including what happened to them. Use additional sheets, if needed.

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Yes No Have you ever turned a pet in to a humane society, pound or breeder? If so, please explain.

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Which of the following would concern you if exhibited by your greyhound? Check all that apply.

- Growling/snapping/biting    Chewing/destructiveness    Digging    Fleas  
Getting on furniture    Too rough with children    Housebreaking difficulties  
Ignores children    Injuring/killing another animal    Other \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate your knowledge of dog behavior?

- None    1    2    3    4    5    Extensive

What would you do if your greyhound exhibited behavioral issues?

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Yes No Do you currently have a veterinarian?

Yes No Have you discussed with your veterinarian your intention to adopt a greyhound and inquired about his/her experience with the breed?

**Greyhounds are sensitive to anesthesia, some medications and some flea and tick products. It is essential that your vet be knowledgeable about greyhounds and respects these issues.**

Explain why it is important to keep a greyhound on a leash or inside a fenced area at all times.

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Yes No Do you plan to participate in any special activities with your greyhound? If so, check all that apply: Pet therapy    Lure coursing    Obedience

### ABOUT YOUR HOME

How many hours a day will your greyhound be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

My home is: Busy    Quiet    I live in the: City    Suburbs    Country

Where do you live? House    Apartment    Mobile Home    Condo

Yes No Does your yard/home have any of the following?

Ground Pool    Above-Ground Pool    Hot Tub/Jacuzzi    Water Feature/Pond

Yes No If you rent or lease, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog?

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No Does your home have stairs?

How many stairs inside? \_\_\_\_\_ Carpeted Uncarpeted Open-backed How many stairs outside? \_\_\_\_\_ Open-backed Closed-backed  
Where would your greyhound stay during the day? Sleep at night?

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Is your yard fenced? If yes, please describe the type of fencing, condition and height.

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Yes No If your yard is unfenced, are you willing/able to leash walk your greyhound at least four times a day? FYI: Electronic fence is not acceptable; it will not hold a greyhound.

Yes No If your yard is unfenced, is there a nearby fenced, grassy area (ball field, friend's yard) where a greyhound could run safely? Please describe.

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### BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION

Yes No I have read/am reading Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies or Adopting the Racing Greyhound. If I have children in my home, I also have read/am reading Childproofing your Dog or Living with Kids and Dogs without Losing Your Mind.

**Despite having lived in foster homes, newly adopted dogs may need help adjusting to their new homes. Some are social. Others are shy. Some may initially make housebreaking errors or need time to adjust to a new schedule. Most must be crated while owners are away for their safety and for the well being of their new home.**

**GPA/N takes seriously its responsibility for placing dogs in appropriate, permanent homes. If we place a dog with you, we ask that you make a commitment to your hound for life. Consider the following carefully:**

Yes No A greyhound's average life expectancy is 12+ years. I agree to make a lifetime commitment to my greyhound's care/well being.

Yes No A hound must wear a tag collar at all times bearing his name and the owner's contact information as well as the emergency contact tag GPA/N provides.

Yes No A greyhound is an indoor pet and must not be isolated in the garage, basement or left outdoors unattended.

Yes No A hound should never be tied outside with a run line or other stationary tether.

Yes No A crate is typically the safest place for a greyhound when owners are away.

Yes No I understand the annual cost of owning a greyhound, including food, routine vet care and monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventative averages \$700-\$1,000. I am prepared and able to meet this minimum financial commitment as well as any and all emergency vet care and kenneling needs for the lifetime of the dog.

Yes No Hounds adopted through GPA/N must be returned to this group if the owner is incapable of caring for it at any time and for any reason.

Yes No I agree to never give, sell or transfer ownership of my greyhound to any individual, animal shelter, pound, humane group or veterinary clinic.

### REFERENCES

By providing GPA/N with these names, you are consenting to a representative of GPA/N contacting references.

VETERINARIAN

Phone

List two individuals, their phone numbers and addresses who you have known you for more than two years and who do not reside with you and are not family members. If you have not listed a veterinarian, please list three references.

Name	Phone	Email

### ADOPTION FEE

The \$300 adoption fee helps offset the cost of initial veterinary care for recently retired dogs. Each GPA/N dog has had the following services: spay/neuter, dental, heartworm screening and preventative, worming, vaccination updates if needed, screening for tick-borne infections and treatment, nail trimming and microchipping for identification. All the greyhounds come with an information packet, collar, leash and muzzle as part of the adoption fee.

### DEPOSIT

To begin the adoption process **we must receive your \$50 deposit** with your application. If your application is approved, this deposit will be applied to your adoption fee. If GPA/N doesn't approve your application, your deposit will be returned. If you withdraw your application after the home visit, your deposit is forfeit.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please mail your **application** and **\$50 deposit** to:  
Greyhound Pets of America/Nashville, PO Box 1042, Goodlettsville, TN 37070

### PHONE FOLLOW-UP

A GPA/N representative will call within a week of the receipt of your application and \$50 deposit. What is the best time and number to reach you?

Best time/day(s):

Best phone number: