



# Adoption Application Information & Agreement

This Application becomes part of the Adoption Agreement. Adopter warrants that this information is true and complete to the best of his/ her or their knowledge and this agreement forms a binding contract on all parties. You may add additional information either on this form or on separate pages which shall become a part of this application.

We know we are asking for a lot of information. We would like you to understand that these are very special dogs and we are very concerned that they be placed in appropriate homes where they can live long and happy lives. When you have had time to know their loyal and loving nature and have found the perfect family member, we think you will be pleased that we were so particular. Also, please know that this information will be held in the very strictest of confidence and your name and personal information will never be sold or given to any one else.

**Please complete pages 1 through 5. Page 6 will be done when an adoption is finalized.** Please mail the completed application back to us at P.O. Box 100894, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33310-0894 or fax it to 954-578-0107. Any questions, please feel free to call us at 954-578-0072.

## ***The Basics:***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Adopter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other phones/ beepers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Adopter's Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Don't call at work.

2<sup>nd</sup> Adopter's Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Don't call at work.

How did you hear about Friends of Greyhounds? \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Family & Lifestyle:** (Please circle answers where appropriate)

Are there children in the home? Yes No

If so, please give their sex and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children who frequently visit? Yes No Their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Most greyhound adoption groups have discovered that retired racing greyhounds right off the track are not appropriate pets for children under five years of age.

What is the activity level of your household? Quiet Moderately Active Very Active

Do you currently have any other pets? Yes No  
Please specify what kind and their ages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in a: Single family home Apartment Condo/Townhouse  
Mobile Home Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this address: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Previous address (if less than 2 years): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate moving in the near future? Yes No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own or rent? Own Rent

If you rent, do you have permission from your landlord to have a large dog? Yes No N/A

If you live in a development, do they allow you to have a large dog? Yes No N/A

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No Plan on Fencing soon

If Fenced: Completely Partially Under 6' 6' or over (at lowest point)

If you do not have a completely fenced yard are you willing and able to take your greyhound outside on a leash several times a day to relieve itself? Yes No

**Your Experience:**

Who will be the primary caregiver for the greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a greyhound?    Yes    No

Have you previously owned a greyhound?    Yes    No

Have you owned other dogs or cats previously?    Yes    No

Please tell us about your other dogs or cats.

Breed	Size	Sex	How long did you have this pet?	What happened to it?

While greyhounds tend to be a pretty healthy breed and we have done our best to get your new pet ready, medically, for you, any big dog is a financial responsibility and commitment. Greyhounds have a natural life span of 12 to 15 years. Are you willing and able to spend the funds necessary for pet ownership?    Yes    No

What is the longest period of time your greyhound will be alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the dog be kept when you are not at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Greyhounds are sensitive dogs who cannot physically handle living outside. If you anticipate leaving the dog outside for long periods of time, particularly in the Florida heat (or even in Florida winters) a greyhound is not the right breed of dog for you. Do you understand and accept that your greyhound is a house pet and must live indoors?    Yes    No

Do you currently have a veterinarian?    Yes    No

How long have you used this vet?    \_\_\_\_\_ Years    \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Vet's name & location: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your veterinarian for a reference?    Yes    No

Does your family anticipate any major lifestyle changes in the next year (such as retirement, travel, new baby, moving, new job or schedule change)?    Yes    No

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet? (Please circle all that apply)

Barking	Unable to Housebreak	Destructiveness	Digging	Fleas
Moving	House Remodeling	Expense	Chewing	Biting
Having a Baby	Too Rough with Children	Other		

Are all members of the household in total agreement with this adoption?    Yes    No

### ***Adoption Requirements:***

Your signature on this agreement is legally binding.    **YOU MUST READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**    Ask for clarification if you do not understand something.

### **YOUR PART:**

1. You understand and recognize that you are adopting a retired racing greyhound that probably has never been exposed to home or family life outside of our FoG organization. You must make every effort to anticipate problems such as mirrors, pools, sliding glass doors, thorny bushes, etc. and protect your new pet.
2. Your dog must be on a leash anytime it is outdoors unless in an appropriately fenced area. Greyhounds are sighthounds with strong instincts to chase things you may not even be able to see. Never walk your greyhound off leash or "trust" it not to run away.
3. Your dog must wear a collar bearing identification at all times.
4. If you should ever decide you cannot or do not want to keep your greyhound, you must notify Friends of Greyhounds (FoG) before taking any action. You may not give your greyhound to anyone else without FoG consent. You hereby agree never to take your greyhound to a "pound", "humane society" or other form of animal shelter.
5. You are adopting a greyhound to be a house pet and will never attempt to use it for any form of racing, veterinary research, medical research or laboratory research.
6. You will make every effort to keep your dog healthy and maintain appropriate vaccinations.
7. You will allow a FoG representative to visit your home as needed to confirm that your home situation is appropriate for this adoption. You also agree to have any and all family members in attendance at the home visit. Further, you agree to allow a FoG representative to schedule follow up visits to your home as necessary to certify that the information in this application is still basically true and correct and that this greyhound is being appropriately cared for.

**OUR PART:**

- 8. FoG will make every effort to visit your home before the adoption and help you anticipate any problems with the physical layout. We will have our knowledgeable volunteers follow up with you soon after the adoption and at regular periods thereafter to answer any questions or help with any problems that may arise.
- 9. Just as you are committing yourself and your family to love and care for this greyhound, we are committing our resources to help you with that. Should your circumstances change in such a way that it affects your ability to care for and/or keep your greyhound, please contact us immediately and we will make every effort to help. Sometimes it just means help with food or vet bills until the family finances improve. Sometimes you may need to surrender your pet back to us. We will make every effort not to be judgmental or make you feel uncomfortable for calling us. Please do not hesitate to call us. Things happen. We understand that.

**THE LEGAL PARTS:**

- 10. FoG retains a partial ownership lien on the greyhound whose tattoo numbers are shown on this application. If at any time this dog is judged by FoG board members or by Animal Control personnel or other legal authorities to be abused in any way, this adoption is null and void. FoG may assume custody of the greyhound and all ownership rights will pass to Friends of Greyhounds. Adopter will forfeit any and all adoption rights.
- 11. The adoption fee is non-refundable. FoG accepts checks and credit cards. Dishonored checks or credit cards will nullify this adoption agreement.
- 12. Failure to abide by this agreement may result in civil and/or criminal proceedings against the adopter. Should legal action become necessary, the adopter agrees to be liable for attorney's fees should FoG prevail.

The adopter(s) signature(s) on the last page indicates agreement to all 12 (twelve) of these clauses.

Other notations: (please reference page number if appropriate)

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## Greyhound Adoption

This page will be completed upon delivery/ adoption.

Dog's Racing Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Right Ear Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_ Left Ear Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

Is hereby given in adoption to:

Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

I/ We have completed this application in good faith and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in it. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct. I hereby accept full responsibility for this greyhound.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - 1<sup>st</sup> Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - 2<sup>nd</sup> Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - 3<sup>rd</sup> Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized signer for Friends of Greyhounds

Photo ID for 1<sup>st</sup> Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ [FLDL / Other]

Photo ID for 2<sup>nd</sup> Adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ [FLDL / Other]

Payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Received [ Cash Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card ]

Deposits Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: GODMOTHER ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_