

NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue, Inc. Adoption Application

PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION THOROUGHLY

Date:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home phone:

Alt. phone:

Best Time to Call:

Hm () Alt. ()

Email address:

Occupation:

**References of people who know of your ability to care for a greyhound:
(Do not list anyone already living in your household)**

Name:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

Name:

Phone:

Relationship to you:

Name of most recent vet:

Phone:

Please notify your vet's office that we will be calling and asking about your current and past pets' records before you submit this application.

Questions:

How did you hear about NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue, Inc.?

Have you applied to adopt a greyhound from any other adoption agencies in the last 6 months?

No _____

Yes _____ (what was the outcome?)

Do you have any preferences regarding color, sex or age of the dog you'd like to adopt? (please explain why you have preferences)

What qualities and temperament do you want in your greyhound?

What qualities and temperament do you NOT want in your greyhound?

Where will your dog spend the day?

Where will your greyhound sleep at night?

List all pets that you currently have. *Indicate age, sex and whether each pet is spayed or neutered.*

Please list the names of all members of your household (please include the ages of all children):

Are you renting or leasing? No _____ Yes _____ (If yes, do you have permission from your landlord to have a large dog in your home? No _____ Yes _____)

Are there any covenants or restrictions concerning dogs where you live? Please explain:

Do you subscribe to a chemical lawn service or use chemicals /pesticides on your lawn?

If yes, what steps will you take to keep your new greyhound safe from these chemicals?

Do you have a *completely* fenced-in yard?

No _____

Yes _____ How large is the fenced-in area (approximate square footage)?

Specify type of fence (wood, chain link, etc and **height)**

How often will you let your greyhound run free (off-leash) in an area that is NOT completely fenced in?

Daily _____

Weekly _____

Occasionally _____

Never _____

Are you able and willing to take your greyhound out 4-6 times a day to relieve itself, regardless of weather and other situations? No _____ Yes _____.

Approximately how many hours during the day will your greyhound be left alone in the house?

Will your greyhound be crated when you are gone?

What is heartworm?

What will you do to protect your greyhound from heartworm and fleas/ticks (list the specific steps you will take and products you will use)

Have you ever returned a pet to the place you bought/adopted it from or surrendered a pet to a Humane Society? Have you ever given a pet away?

No _____

Yes _____

If yes, please explain the circumstances of the return

Under what conditions do you feel it is acceptable to return a pet?

How long are you willing to work with your new greyhound to help him/her adjust to your home?

If you experience a problem with your new greyhound, what steps will you be willing to take?

Call NEOGR, Inc. for advice _____

Call your veterinarian for advice _____

Enroll your dog in obedience training _____

Make an appointment with a canine behaviorist _____

Return the dog to NEOGR, Inc. _____

Other (explain) _____

Please describe the research that you've already done about retired racing greyhounds. [List the specific books and articles have you read.](#)

Please read the attached article (this is yours to keep as a reference.) [Initial that you have read it](#) _____

Why do you want to adopt a greyhound? What role will your greyhound play in your life (friend, companion, agility competition, etc.)? What role will you play in your greyhound's life? Why do you want to adopt a greyhound?

Requirements and Conditions regarding Adopting from NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue, Inc.

1. Your greyhound must be on a leash whenever it is outdoors, unless it is in a **completely** fenced area. **Never** “trust” your greyhound to not run away. **DO NOT TIE YOUR GREYHOUND OUTSIDE ON A LEASH OR A DOG RUN** - this could lead to broken necks and serious and fatal injuries. *We will NOT adopt to families that use an Invisible Fence.*
2. You **must** keep identification on your greyhound **at all times**. This identification must contain your name and a way to contact you.
3. You are required to notify NEOGR, Inc. if your greyhound becomes lost. This should be done immediately!!
4. **You may NOT give your greyhound to anyone else without NEOGR’S approval.** *If you should ever decide you cannot keep or do not want your greyhound, you must contact NEOGR, Inc.*
5. **You agree that you will never take your greyhound to a “Pound” or “Humane shelter.”**
6. NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue is a non-profit organization funded by donations. Adoption fees are \$300 to help offset the costs of the vet work and is payable when you pick up your dog.
7. You must read the enclosed article about understanding retired racing greyhounds (see next page).

This application, if approved, becomes part of the Greyhound Adoption Contract. I certify that all statements made by me on this application are true and correct. I have read and agree to be bound by the requirements and conditions set forth, herein. If I qualify and receive a greyhound from NEOGR, I will accept full responsibility for the greyhound.

Signature _____ Date: _____
Prospective Adopter

Send this Application to: info@neogreyhound.com

NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue, Inc.
440-364-4838
www.neogreyhound.com

Understanding Your Greyhound ...

This breed has never been asked to do anything for itself, make any decisions or answer any questions. It has been waited on, paw and tail. The only prohibition in a racing Greyhound's life is not to get into a fight or eat certain stuff in the turn out pen.

Let us review a little. From weaning until you go away for schooling, at probably a year and a half, you eat, grow and run around with your siblings. When you go away to begin your racing career, you get your own "apartment," in a large housing development. No one is allowed in your bed but you, and when you are in there, no one can touch you, without plenty of warning.

Someone hears a vehicle drive up, or the kennel door being unlocked. The light switches are flipped on. The loud mouths in residence, and there always are some, begin to bark or howl. You are wide awake by the time the human opens your door to turn you out. A Greyhound has never been touched while he was asleep.

You eat when you are fed, usually on a strict schedule. No one asks if you are hungry or what you want to eat. You are never told not to eat any food within your reach. No one ever touches your bowl while you are eating. You are not to be disturbed because it is important you clean your plate.

You are not asked if you have to "go outside." You are placed in a turn out pen and it isn't long before you get the idea of what you are supposed to do while you are out there. Unless you really get out of hand, you may chase, rough house and put your feet on everyone and

every thing else. The only humans you know are the "waiters" who feed you, and the "restroom attendants" who turn you out to go to the bathroom. Respect people? Surely you jest.

No one comes into or goes out of your kennel without your knowledge. You are all seeing; all knowing. There are no surprises, day in and day out. The only thing it is ever hoped you will do is win, place or show, and that you don't have much control over. It is in your blood, it is in your heart, it is in your fate-- or it is not.

And when it is not, then suddenly you are expected to be a civilized person in a fur coat. But people don't realize you may not even speak English. Some of you don't even know your names, because you didn't need to. You were not asked or told to do anything as an individual; you were always part of the "condo association"; the sorority or fraternity and everyone did everything together, as a group or pack. The only time you did anything as an individual is when you schooled or raced, and even then, You Were Not Alone.

Suddenly, he is expected to behave himself in places he's never been taught how to act. He is expected to take responsibility for saying when he needs to go outside, to come when he is called, not to get on some or all of the furniture, and to not eat food off counters and tables. He is dropped in a world that is not his, and totally without warning, at that.

Almost everything he does is wrong. Suddenly he is a minority. Now he is just a pet. He is unemployed, in a place where people expect him to know the rules and the schedule, even

when there aren't any. (How many times have you heard someone say, "He won't tell me when he has to go out." What kind of schedule is that?) Have you heard the joke about the dog who says, "My name is No-No Bad Dog. What's yours?" To me that is not even funny. All the protective barriers are gone. There is no more warning before something happens. There is no more strength in numbers. He wakes up with a monster human face two inches from his. (With some people's breath, this could scare Godzilla.) Why should he not, believe that this "someone," who has crept up on him, isn't going to eat him for lunch? (I really do have to ask you ladies to consider how you would react if someone you barely knew crawled up on you while you were asleep?) No, I will not ask for any male input.

Now he is left alone, for the first time in his life, in a strange place, with no idea of what will happen or how long it will be before someone comes to him again. If he is not crated, he may go through walls, windows or over fences, desperately seeking something familiar, something with which to reconnect his life. If he does get free, he will find the familiarity, within himself: the adrenaline high, the wind in his ears, the blood pulsing and racing through his heart once again--until he crashes into a car.

Often, the first contact with his new family is punishment, something he's never had before, something he doesn't understand now, especially in the middle of the rest of the chaos. And worst of all, what are the most common human reactions to misbehavior? We live in a violent society, where the answer to any irritation is a slap, punch, kick, whip, or rub your nose in it. Under

these circumstances, sometimes I think any successful adoption is a miracle.

He is, in effect, expected to have all the manners of at least a six-year old child. But, how many of you would leave an unfamiliar six-year old human alone and loose in your home for hours at a time and not expect to find who knows what when you got back? Consider that if you did, you could be brought up on charges of child abuse, neglect and endangerment. Yet, people do this to Greyhounds and this is often the reason for so many returns.

How many dogs have been returned because they did not know how to tell the adopter when they had to go out? How many for jumping on people, getting on furniture, counter surfing, separation anxiety, or defensive actions due to being startled or hurt (growling or biting)? So, let's understand: Sometimes it is the dog's "fault" he cannot fit in. He is not equipped with the social skills of a six-year old human. But you can help him.

Excerpt from GPA Seminar, K.L. Gilley, 1998 (Copied with permission from the author)



Greyhounds available from NE Ohio Greyhound Rescue, Inc. have been living in a home environment, and have gone through the initial stages of adjustment from track life to home life. Most dogs will transition into a new home quickly and smoothly, if you continue to give them guidance, leadership and love. We can talk to you at length about the specific behavioral and personality characteristics of each greyhound, to help you make the best choice.