

Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption would like to thank you for your interest in adopting a retired racing greyhound. The ownership of a greyhound, like any pet, is a serious responsibility that requires a lifetime commitment. Greyhounds are very sensitive and it would be a traumatic experience to be taken in, loved and then given away.

Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption requires adopters to have a fenced yard. It is our goal to be sure that the responsibility as well as the financial, psychological and physical needs of each greyhound are met in his/her new home.

This application has been designed to help prospective greyhound adopters address issues that would directly affect their home and their suitability for a greyhound as well as aid our staff in application evaluation. Please be sure to fill out the application completely as blank lines could cause your application to be delayed or denied. The application helps us find the right greyhound for you and your family. It generally takes 2 to 3 weeks to complete the adoption process. After your application has been approved, the best dog(s) to fit your lifestyle will be selected for your approval.

Our adoption fee is \$400 for Iowa residents and \$475 for out of state residents, which covers the price of the following: Greyhounds in our program have been spayed/neutered, teeth cleaned, vaccinations brought up to date, have been heartworm tested and treated for any fleas or internal parasites.

Each greyhound goes home with a handmade sighthound collar, harness and leash set, a QCGA ID tag and all pertinent paperwork. We require new adopters to take your new greyhound to your vet within the first two weeks after you take him/her home.

We strongly recommend you register your greyhound as your pet through the National Greyhound Association. This process will be explained to you when you take your greyhound home. There is a \$30 fee required by the NGA to complete this process.

Our adoption process required everyone in the family to read "Adopting the Racing Greyhound" by Cynthia Branigan or "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies" by Lee Livingood. These books are available at your local bookstore or from Amazon.com.

Greyhounds come in many sizes, colors and personalities. Personality is always the most important factor when adopting a dog. Greyhounds are bred for speed and all greyhound in our program deserve a good home, no matter what color they are. Therefore, QCGA refuses to place a dog in a home based on their color. Do not overlook a grey dog with a wonderful personality just because he/she is not the color you wanted.

You are about to add a beautiful, intelligent and loyal dog to your family. Your loving home is a dream come true to a retired racer. They deserve all the love and happiness you can give them.

PLEASE, PRINT CLEARLY

Date:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home phone:

Work phone or cell phone:

Email address:

Occupation:

Employer:

Please list the names and ages of all persons (including YOURSELF) that live in your home.

Who would be responsible for the care and training of your new greyhound?

How long would your greyhound be alone each day?

Where will your greyhound sleep during the day?

Where will your greyhound sleep at night?

Do you live in a:

Single family home \_\_\_\_\_

Condominium \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile home \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own your home? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what is your landlord's name?:

Landlord's address:

Landlord's phone number:

**\*\*Written permission must be obtained from your landlord and accompany your adoption application\*\***

Does your home have stairs that your greyhound would need to go up/down?

Please check boxes that apply:

- Quiet Home                       Few Visitors                       Always home  
 Book Readers  
 Busy Household    Many Visitors                       Pets Visiting                        
Travel Often  
 Often gone weekends    Take walks                       Jog/athletic                        
Work long hours  
 Children visitors    Children present    lots of patience

Are you aware of the vital importance of keeping your greyhound on a leash or in a securely fenced area when outdoors?

Is your yard fenced?

What is your yard size?

What is the height of your fence?

What material is the fence made of?

If your yard were not fenced, would you be willing to fence in part of or all of your yard as a condition of adoption?

**GREYHOUNDS CAN NEVER BE TIED OUT OR TETHERED**

Greyhounds must live inside the house. They are not outside dogs. They cannot be kept in an outdoor kennel or doghouse. Do you agree to keep your greyhound strictly as a house pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to keep a collar with ID tags on your greyhound at all times? \_\_\_\_\_ (Tags should include a tag bearing your address and phone number, a QCGA number ID tag, and a valid rabies tag)

If for any reason you are unable to keep your greyhound, will you agree to return him/her to Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to accept FULL and IMMEDIATE responsibility for the ownership of a greyhound, including ALL health care costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the number of pets currently in your home:

Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor or outdoor cats? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these cats spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these cats current on all vaccines? \_\_\_\_\_

If outdoor cat(s), are these cats currently on heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor or outdoor dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these dogs spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these dogs current on all vaccines? \_\_\_\_\_

Are these dogs currently on heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_

List the names, breeds, ages, and sex of the dogs you have now:

What other pets do you have?

How many other dogs have you had in the past 10 years?  
Where are these dogs now?

Are you familiar with crate training?  
Would you be willing to crate train if necessary?

Occasionally a greyhound with special needs (shy, timid, older, rehabilitated broken leg, etc.) is available for adoption. Would you consider adopting such a special needs dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any additional information that will help us to find the right greyhound for you and your family

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### **References**

Veterinarian's name:  
Vet Clinic:  
Address:  
Phone number including area code:

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Please list TWO personal references that have known you for more than 2 years.  
Please do not list relatives.

#### **Reference #1**

Name:  
Address:  
Phone number including area code:  
Email address:

Relationship to applicant:

**Reference #2**

Name:

Address:

Phone number including area code:

Email address:

Relationship to applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the adoption fee is non-refundable if for any reason the greyhound must be returned

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am required to read "Adopting the Racing Greyhound" by Cynthia Branigan or "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies" by Lee Livingood.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already read the book      \_\_\_\_\_ I will read the book

By signing below, I certify that the information I have given is correct and any misrepresentation of facts will result in denial of this application. I understand that my submission of this application neither guarantees nor implies that Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption will offer me a greyhound.

\*Please note, if you submit this application electronically, you must TYPE your name and today's date. Please be aware that applications submitted electronically with a typed "signature" will be considered legal, as if the application were submitted in paper form with a handwritten signature.\*

Signature:

Date:

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