



GREYHOUND LIFESAVERS



FOSTER HOME APPLICATION

Please complete this application in its entirety. Answer questions by filling in the blanks or circling the correct answers. If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 803-414-1476.

YOU MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO APPLY FOR FOSTERING A GREYHOUND.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (____) _____ /home (____) _____ /work (____) _____ /cell

E-Mail: _____ Best Time to Contact You: _____

Your Age: _____ Your Occupation: _____

Are You Married: Yes No Name of Company _____

Spouse's Name and Occupation/Company _____

Do you have children currently living with you? Yes No
Age _____ Sex _____
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Do you have children or grandchildren who visit you regularly? Yes No

Age/Sex: _____

Are you willing to teach your children/grandchildren the responsibility of caring for a greyhound? Yes No

Are there any other persons living with you in your home? Yes No

If yes, please specify: _____

Are all persons who live in your home in support of you fostering a greyhound? Yes No

If not, please explain: _____

Does anyone in your home have allergies? Yes No

If Yes: Environmental _____ Pets _____

REFERENCES

Veterinarian: Current Previous # of Years _____
Veterinarian's Name: _____
Clinic Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

I hereby authorize the above-named veterinarian to release any requested information to a representative of Greyhound Lifesavers.

Signature and Date: _____ / _____

Personal Reference: Friend Relative # of Years _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Why do you want to foster a greyhound? _____

How did you hear about greyhound adoption, and specifically about Greyhound Lifesavers? _____

HOME ENVIRONMENT:

Circle the terms that best describe your home: Own Rent/Lease # of Years _____
House Condo/Townhouse Mobile Home Apartment Other _____

If you rent/lease your home, do you have permission from your landlord to have a large, inside dog?
Yes No Don't Know N/A Landlord's Name: _____
Telephone: _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No Type of Fence _____
Height of Fence _____
Approximate length and width of fenced area (in feet) _____

Do you have locks on your gates? Yes No If not, are you willing to add locks? Yes No

If your yard is not fenced, are you willing to erect a fence? Yes No If No, please explain: _____

Do you currently have pets? Yes No #/Kind _____ Cat _____ Dog Other _____

Please specify: Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____
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Are your pets on heartworm preventative? Yes No Are your pets on flea control? Yes No

Is your dog(s) neutered? Yes No
If No, please explain: _____

What other pets have you had in the past and what happened to them? _____

Describe your household: Quiet Easy Going Seldom Travel Frequent Visitors
Usually Quiet Active Frequent Travel Adults/Children
Loud Very Active

Do you have any animals that visit in your home on a regular basis? Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____

Will you be taking the greyhound to homes with pets? Yes No
If yes, please describe the situation and type animal(s): _____

Our greyhounds arrive from the track/farm in fairly good condition, but at times minor track injuries require some rehabilitation or additional medical attention. Are you willing to foster such a greyhound? Yes No

Comments: _____

GREYHOUND CARE:

Who will be responsible for your foster greyhound's daily care? _____

How many hours a day will your greyhound be left alone? _____

If you have not read *Adopting the Racing Greyhound* by Cynthia A. Branigan, we recommend that you do.

Have you read this book? Yes No If not, we request you read the book before your home visit. This book is available at Amazon.com through our website.

Are you aware that a greyhound is an indoor pet and cannot survive as an outdoor animal? Yes No Need Information

Are you willing to modify your lifestyle if necessary to accommodate a foster greyhound's needs and keep it as an inside pet? Yes No If, not, please explain:

Are you willing to walk your foster greyhound on a leash 4 to 6 times a day during its adjustment period if necessary? If you do not have a fenced in yard Yes No

Are you familiar with crate training? Yes No Need Further Instruction

Are you willing to crate your greyhound during its adjustment period if necessary? Yes No Need Further Instruction

If you do not already have a crate, are you willing to purchase or rent a crate for your foster greyhound?

Yes No Already Have a Crate Size and Type of Crate _____

Comments: _____

Dogs and Children

Greyhound Lifesavers recommends that if you have children, you also read *Child-Proofing Your Dog* by Brian Kilcommons and Sara Wilson (Warner Books). This book is available at Amazon.com through our website.

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By virtue of being "track dogs", greyhounds generally have not been around children, but most really seem to enjoy being around them. However, there are certain guidelines we ask that you follow so that the adjustment period for you, your children and your foster greyhound goes as smoothly as possible. This adjustment period can last anywhere from 3 to 6 months depending on the individual greyhound and the dedication and patience of the foster family.

No dog is foolproof around children. Just as you would not leave a toddler or infant alone or unsupervised, children of any age should never be left alone or unsupervised with dogs. At first, your new foster greyhound may not understand the concept of children rushing or crawling around, running up to it, or trying to kiss or hug it when it is lying down (even if it is awake!). Your foster greyhound may choose to get up and walk away, do nothing, growl, or it may even snap or bite. Greyhounds sometimes sleep with their eyes open so it can be very difficult to tell if one is asleep or awake. For this reason, it is important that you **DO NOT LET ANY CHILD CRAWL UP TO, RUN UP TO, JUMP ON, KISS, OR HUG A DOG THAT IS LYING DOWN AND/OR SLEEPING.** If there is a need to pet a greyhound that is lying down, call him to you first and then pet him. This way you are assured that the greyhound is fully awake.

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Children should not be permitted to bother the greyhound (or any dog) when it is lying on its bed. This helps give your foster greyhound a place where he can escape from the stresses of everyday life and feel secure. It is not a place for kids to crawl on or lay down on!

When your foster Greyhound is eating, keep the children away. Greyhounds can be very protective of their food. Watch both child and foster Greyhound during play time. Never leave your child and the foster Greyhound together alone. Close supervision is the key to a successful relationship between ANY dog and a child. Also, remember, if you have children running in and out of doors, be sure that the door latches securely so your foster Greyhound cannot push it open. It is very easy for a curious Greyhound to “nose” their way out of an unsecured door and goes running down the street and possibly into traffic.

Greyhound Lifesavers will always reclaim the foster greyhound should your situation change or in the unlikely event that you are unhappy with the dog. By initialing at the bottom, you and all the adults residing at the residence are stating that you have read and understood the following about children and your foster dog.

Initial: _____

Do you certify that all of the information on this application is true and correct? Yes _____ (Please Initial)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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