

HEART BOUND



GREYHOUND ADOPTION

ADOPTION APPLICATION

Upon completion, please mail this application to:

**HEART BOUND GREYHOUND ADOPTION, INC.
1116 Sommer Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081**

*We will process your application and call you as soon as possible.
Thank you for considering adopting a greyhound.*

Welcome to Heart Bound Greyhound Adoption, Inc. (HBGA). We are a volunteer, non-profit organization committed to the rescue and placement of retired racing greyhounds. Because pet ownership is a serious responsibility, we insist that each person who adopts a greyhound understands and is physically and financially willing to accept this responsibility. This application is designed to help both you and HBGA decide if adoption by you is in the animal's best interest, and to assist you in finding the animal most compatible with your lifestyle. We want to make sure that you and your family are adequately prepared to assume the responsible ownership for our adoptive greyhounds. We hope you will agree that the animal's welfare must be our foremost consideration.

In order to be considered as an adopter, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have consent for this adoption from all adults living in your home, as well as from your landlord if you rent.
- Understand that any greyhound you adopt must be kept current on vaccinations and licensed with the proper authorities.
- Realize that, although we will give your application full consideration, we do not approve applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Adoption approval is based on the animal's best interests.

If you agree with all of the above information, please complete this application and return it to us.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Best time(s) to reach you at this number _____

Business Phone (_____) _____ Best time(s) to reach you at this number _____

Occupation _____ Email address _____

1. Why do you want a greyhound as a pet?

2. Do you have any preference regarding age or sex?

(We will try to match your preferences, but our first consideration must be the matching of the personality of the dog and the family.)

3. Please list all pets you now own and have owned in the last 10 years:

BREED	KEPT WHERE	AGE	SEX	SPAYED/NEUTERED	STILL OWN
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO
_____	_____	_____	M / F	YES / NO	YES / NO

If you no longer have the above pet(s), please explain why there was a separation and when _____

4. Please list the names of all adults living in your household. _____
5. Please list the names and ages of all children living in your household. _____

6. Who will be primarily responsible for the care and training of your new greyhound? _____
7. What responsibilities for your greyhound will be shared with or given to your children? _____

8. Greyhounds thrive on being with people. Approximately how many hours will your greyhound be home alone?
_____ Hours per day _____ Days per week
9. Describe the area in which you live:
_____ City _____ Suburban _____ Country
10. Do you live in a:
_____ House _____ Apartment _____ Mobile Home _____ Condominium
11. If you rent or lease, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, explain: _____

12. Landlord's name _____ Phone (_____) _____
Best time to contact landlord _____
13. Do you have a completely fenced yard or exercise area? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please indicate approximate size of yard or area and the type and height of fence

14. If your yard or area will not be fenced, please indicate the type and amount of exercise you will provide for your greyhound.

15. Due to their long necks and ability to reach top speed in a few strides, greyhounds cannot be tied out on a chain or on a pulley line as they could break or severely damage their neck. Do you agree to never tie your greyhound on a chain? _____ Yes _____ No
16. Do you plan to use an area dog park? _____ Yes _____ No
17. If your yard or area is not fenced, are you willing and able to leash-walk your greyhound for necessary functions at least four times each day? _____ Yes _____ No
If not, please explain: _____
- Have you given serious consideration to the challenges of doing this in all weather conditions? _____ Yes _____ No
18. Are you willing to fence in a small "turn-out" area for bathroom duties? _____ Yes _____ No
(We recommend placement of such an area off of a back garage or service door.)
19. Will you always keep your greyhound on a leash in unfenced areas? _____ Yes _____ No
20. Greyhounds must live indoors. They cannot be kept in an outdoor kennel or dog house.
Do you agree to keep your greyhound inside your home? _____ Yes _____ No
21. Are you familiar with crate training? _____ Yes _____ No
Will you keep your greyhound in a crate when left home alone? _____ Yes _____ No
Will you crate your greyhound overnight, and if so, for how many hours? _____ Yes _____ hours _____ No
Would you like more information about crate training/crating your greyhound? _____ Yes _____ No

22. Are you willing to purchase and keep a HBGA recommended collar with a tag bearing your name, address and phone number on your dog at all times? _____ Yes _____ No

23. If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your greyhound, will you agree to return it to HBGA or another greyhound adoption group? _____ Yes _____ No

24. What research have you done regarding this breed? *(List all books read and websites visited.)* _____

25. What questions or concerns do you have about the breed? _____

26. Are you willing to accept immediate and full responsibility for the ownership of your greyhound, including all health care costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a dog? _____ Yes _____ No

27. Even though your new greyhound is an adult dog, it is not perfect.. How will you correct negative behavior in your dog?

28. Who will care for your dog when you go on vacation? _____

What boarding kennel(s) would you consider using? _____

29. How would you describe your household? *(circle all that apply)*

a) very quiet b) rather easy going c) few visitors d) rarely have children visit e) average f) usually something going on
g) lots of activity h) often gone evenings and/or weekend i) other _____

30. Describe a typical day for your new greyhound _____

31. In addition to a regular life at home, would your ideal greyhound: *(circle all that apply)*

a) jog with a family member? _____ miles per _____ b) walk with a family member? _____ miles per _____
c) go to obedience class? d) compete in obedience trials? e) compete in lure coursing trials?
f) go to your place of business with you? g) be a playmate/companion for your children?

32. Occasionally a greyhound with special needs such as physical restrictions or an unusual personality is available for adoption. Would you be interested in a "special" dog? _____ Yes _____ No

Add any additional information that you feel will help us understand you and your home as a potential greyhound home.

Please complete the following **and call your veterinarian to release your records:**

Veterinarian's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List two non-relative, local references who have known you for more than two years:

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ Best time to call _____ am / pm
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
Address _____ Best time to call _____ am / pm
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please be aware that we do follow up with your references, veterinarian, and landlord. We will be honest about any reservations we may have regarding a greyhound being the right breed for you. HBGA will make the final decision after a representative contacts you about any concerns we may have. We will also follow up with you several times after the adoption to check on the greyhound's health and condition, and for compliance with the adoption contract.

Please list any other adoption groups with whom you have applied: _____

I understand that in order to complete processing of this application, a visit to my home by a member of Heart Bound Greyhound Adoption may need to be scheduled and that by submitting this application, I agree to such a scheduled visit.

I have read the application in total and certify that all information on this adoption application is true and correct. (Please have all adults living in your home sign and date.)

Name _____ Date _____
Name _____ Date _____
Name _____ Date _____

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Application given out by: _____

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