

Adoption / Foster Application



Austin Greyhound Adoption
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Thank you for your interest in retired racing greyhounds. Greyhounds make wonderful companion animals and will give you many years of love and devotion. A positive experience for both dog and family is possible only when the match between hound and home is appropriate. Consequently, this application is designed to assess potential adopters and foster families. Our goal is to ensure that everyone who brings a greyhound into their home understands the responsibilities as well as the joys of having a greyhound.

The people you encounter during the application process have worked in greyhound adoption for many years and have seen both happy and sad endings. Our mandate is to do what is in the best interest of the greyhound. Before considering adoption, please know that greyhounds can live 12 to 14 years, if not longer, making this a serious long-term commitment. The dogs rely on us to place them into appropriate, loving, permanent homes. All adults in your household must agree to this commitment and sign the application.

Despite having lived in foster homes, newly adopted dogs may need help adjusting to their new homes. Some are social, others are shy. Some may initially make housebreaking errors or need time to adjust to a new schedule. Some may need to be crated while owners are away for their safety and the wellbeing of their new home. It is very traumatic for a dog to be returned by a family once it has settled into its new home. No pet should EVER be considered disposable. Furthermore, note that the greyhound is not for everyone. They are not watchdogs; and they are inside dogs and should not be kept outdoors. Not all of them are safe with cats or other small animals. Most are good with children, others are not.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required when submitting the application, payable by PayPal, check, or cash. The remaining balance of the adoption donation (payable by PayPal, check, or cash) is due when the adoption contract is signed. There is no fee for Foster applications.

The adoption donation schedule is (including the \$50 non-refundable deposit):

- Grown-up/Adult (1 to 8 years) \$325
- Wisdom of years /Senior (8 years and over) \$275
- Youngster/Puppy (under 1 year) \$375
- Special-needs hound (determined by case) \$150

Please complete all fields. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

Your adoption donation includes:

- Neuter/spay
- All vaccinations and wellness exam
- Heartworm and parasite tests, as well as any required treatment
- Fecal test, as well as any required treatment
- Dental cleaning, Bath, Nails clipped
- Microchip with lifetime registration
- A martingale collar and leash set
- Turnout muzzle
- Ongoing support from Austin Greyhound Adoption
- Greyhounds for Dummies by Lee Livingood

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Austin Greyhound Adoption at adoption@austingreyhounds.org or call (512) 895-9150.

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General information

Primary adopter: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Best place to call: Home Work Cell Best time to call: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Secondary adopter: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Best place to call: Home Work Cell Best time to call: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Please provide the name and contact number of two references (not family members)

#1 Name: _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

#2 Name: _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Nature of household

Number of adults in home _____ Number of children in home _____

Names and ages of children living in home: _____

Names and ages of other children who regularly visit (stepchildren, grandchildren, etc.) _____

Are these children gentle and respectful of animals? _____

Please note that if there are children under the age of eight living or visiting your home, we will encourage you to read *Childproofing Your Dog*, by Brian Kilcommons and Sarah Wilson before adopting or fostering. This small, paperback book is available through Amazon.com and other bookstores.

Names, ages and relationships of other adults living in home (Please note if any have special mobility issues, such as unsteady on feet, use a walker/crutches/cane, in a wheelchair, etc.) _____

Is anyone in your household allergic to: Dogs? Cats? Who is allergic? _____

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

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Nature of household (continued)

What are the hours an adult is at home during the day? _____

Do you currently live in: Single family home Apartment Condo Townhouse Mobile home
 Other (please specify) _____

Do you: Own Rent Lease - If you rent or lease, do you have landlord's permission: Yes No

Landlord's Name _____ Landlord's phone number _____

Do you have a completely fenced yard? Yes No

If yes, how tall is the fence at its LOWEST point? _____ What type of fence is it? _____

Please note: "Invisible fencing" should never be used for a greyhound.

If you do not have a fenced yard, are you willing and able to take your greyhound outside on a leash several times each day to relieve himself and for exercise? Yes No N/A

If you have a swimming pool, can you restrict access to the pool? (Greyhounds may not be able to swim and can easily drown in pools.) Yes No N/A

Interest in greyhounds

How did you learn about greyhound adoption through Austin Greyhound Adoption?

- Austin Greyhound Adoption website Facebook Friend AllPaws
- Austin Greyhound Adoption Meet & Greet (which location?) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Have you ever met a greyhound? Yes No

Why do you want to adopt a greyhound? _____

How long have you been considering a greyhound? _____

Do you plan to do any of the following with your greyhound: Jog Hike Camp Lure course
 Obedience Class Other (Please specify) _____

Occasionally an older greyhound or one with special needs will become available for adoption. Would you consider adopting such a dog? Special needs dog Senior dog (8 years and over) Not interested

What are your preferences for a greyhound?

Gender: Spayed female Neutered male Either/Any

Activity level: High Medium Low Any

Color: _____ No preference

Age: Youngster/Puppy (1 year and under) Grown-up/Adult (1 to 8 years)

Wisdom of years /Senior (8 years and over) Any

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Current and past pets

Please tell us about the pets that currently live in your home. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type (dog, cat, etc.)	If Dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?

Where do your pets spend their days? _____ Nights? _____

Are all your current dogs given monthly heartworm prevention? Yes No

Name, address and phone number of your current veterinarian/clinic _____

Note: We will ask your veterinarian to act as a reference for you as a pet guardian.

Have you owned dogs previously? Yes No

Who was the dog's primary caretaker? _____

Please tell us about your previous pets. (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Type (dog, cat, etc.)	If Dog, what breed?	Name	Neutered?	Age	Gender	Vaccinations current?	Years with you?	What happened to the pet?

Have you ever surrendered a pet to a shelter or a rescue group? Yes No

If yes, please describe the circumstances: _____

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Adoption readiness

The estimated annual cost to take care of a greyhound is at least \$800 each year. This amount includes food, heartworm prevention, flea control, annual vaccinations, pet registration fees, and annual vet check-ups. This amount will increase if your greyhound becomes ill, injured, or needs special care or training. Are you willing and able to spend the necessary funds to provide satisfactory care for your greyhound?

Yes No

What is the longest period of time your greyhound would be at home alone? _____

Where will your greyhound stay when you are not at home? _____

Where will your greyhound sleep at night? _____

What arrangements will you make for your greyhound when you are traveling? _____

What do you consider valid reasons for giving up a pet to a shelter or rescue group?

(Please check all that apply.) Barking Biting Chewing Destructiveness Digging

Fleas/Ticks Moving Home remodeling Too expensive Having a baby

Too rough with children Unable to houstrain Other (please specify): _____

Are all adult household members in complete agreement with adopting a greyhound? Yes No

We love keeping up with our greyhounds. If you send us pictures, may Austin Greyhound Adoption use them on our website / Facebook page, newsletter or other communications methods? Yes No

I understand that to complete the processing of this application, representatives of Austin Greyhound Adoption (herein referred to as AGA) will contact me for a telephone interview and a home visit in order to assist in matching the needs of the greyhound with the needs of the household. By submitting this application I agree to such a scheduled visit and confirm that all members of the household will be present for the visit. I also agree to allow a representative of AGA to contact my personal references and veterinary references. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct and that AGA is not liable for errors & omissions in this application or an unfavorable adoption decision. If I qualify and am approved and receive a greyhound from AGA, I will accept full responsibility for the care and safety of the greyhound as prescribed in my Adoption Contract. I understand that this application will be void after twelve (12) months from the date it is received by AGA and a new application and non-refundable deposit may be required.

Primary Adopter Signature _____ Date _____

Secondary Adopter Signature _____ Date _____

Please email completed and signed application to adoption@austingreyhounds.org and pay \$50 non-refundable deposit through PayPal via our website OR mail this application with your check for the \$50 non-refundable deposit toward adoption donation to: **Austin Greyhound Adoption**, PO Box 336, Cedar Park, TX 78630-0336.

AGA's primary goal is to find responsible loving homes for pure-bred greyhounds after life on the racetrack and to acquaint the public with the desirability and availability of greyhounds as pets.

AGA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Our volunteers work very hard to bring you the best possible hound for adoption. Small dog and cat testing are done so that a better placement may be achieved. Our hounds are taken to AGA's veterinarian immediately upon arrival to be spayed/neutered, heart worm tested, teeth cleaned, vaccinations, nails trimmed & bathed.

For Austin Greyhound Adoption use only: Deposit enclosed _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Amount _____