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### \$200.00 Adoption Fee

- ◆ The average cost of just the spaying/neutering and dental (teeth cleaning) in the Kansas City area is \$275 so the \$200 (*which also covers shots and vaccinations*) does not even cover the medical costs incurred by KCREGAP to prepare greyhounds for adoption.
- ◆ Donations above the \$200 for all our other greyhound advocacy efforts are always appreciated!

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

The ownership of a greyhound, like any pet, is a serious responsibility that requires a **commitment for the lifetime of the pet**. It is also quite true that not every person who desires to own a pet should own a pet.

It is the goal of the REGAP adoption program to be sure that this responsibility, as well as the financial, psychological and physical needs of each greyhound are met in its new home.

This application has been designed to help prospective greyhound adopters address the issues that would directly affect their home and its suitability for a greyhound, as well as aid our staff in applicant evaluation.

Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Name #1:** Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name #2:** Home Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults in household \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children in household \_\_\_\_\_

Please list sex, ages and names of children (Note: REGAP does not adopt to families of children under the age of 5) \_\_\_\_\_

1) Who will be responsible for the care and training of your new greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Approximately how long would you expect your greyhound to be alone each day? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Do you live in a:

- Single family home?     Condominium?     Apartment?     Mobile home?

4) How long have you lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

5) If you rent you must have written permission from your landlord. Please list the following information:

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: REGAP REQUIRES THAT OUR ADOPTED GREYHOUNDS HAVE A FENCED AREA.**

**REGAP WILL NOT DO A HOME VISIT UNTIL A FENCE IS IN PLACE OR AT LEAST UNDER CONSTRUCTION\***

**\*At your request, a REGAP representative can assist with fencing questions or placement.**

6) Is your yard currently fenced?  YES  NO

7) If your yard is not currently fenced, when are you planning to do so: \_\_\_\_\_

8) What type of fence do you have, or planned, and what is its approximate height? \_\_\_\_\_

9) Are you willing and able to modify your daily schedule to accommodate your greyhound's needs to perform bodily functions at least five times a day? This specifically includes a **midday break** (over a lunch hour) for up to and as long as possible until the dog can 'hold it' for 8 hours or a normal work day.

YES  NO

10) Do you understand that 10-12 hours is too long of a time period to not allow the dog to relieve itself?

YES  NO

11) If your work schedule does include an occasional 10-12 hour day, would you be willing to install a pet door or hire a pet service for your greyhound?  YES  NO

12) Are you aware of the vital importance of keeping your greyhound on a leash or in a fenced area when outdoors?  YES  NO

**YOU CAN NEVER PUT YOUR GREYHOUND ON A TIE-OUT OR TETHER...  
IT CAN LITERALLY BREAK ITS BACK OR NECK!**

13) Greyhounds must live in the house. They cannot adequately be kept in an outdoor kennel or doghouse. 'House' does not include garages, sheds or outbuildings. Basements may not be an option, depending on the specific dog. Do you agree to keep your pet inside your home?

YES  NO

14) REGAP provides a special collar with a tag bearing your name, address, phone number and REGAP's phone number. When you move or change phone numbers or if the collar wears out, you can order a new collar from REGAP. Do you agree to have your greyhound wear this special collar at all times?

YES  NO

15) If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your greyhound do you understand that he/she **must** be returned to Kansas City REGAP? This means the dog cannot be given to friends, relatives or anyone else without that person going through the entire adoption procedure and being approved by REGAP. The adoption fee will not be refunded.

YES  NO

16) Adopting a Greyhound includes all healthcare costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a pet. Do you understand that the cost of owning a pet does not mean only feeding and yearly vaccinations? It can mean costly medical bills, boarding or pet sitting and much more. Are you willing and able to accept full and immediate responsibility for the ownership of a greyhound?  YES  NO

17) Do you understand that when you make living or lifestyle changes, career moves or any major changes to your life, you must keep your commitment to pet ownership for the **life of the dog** (which can be up to 14 years) in mind before making those decisions?  YES  NO

18) How many dogs do you currently own? \_\_\_\_\_

19) How many dogs have you owned in the past 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_

20) Please list each dog's breed, sex, name & age. If you no longer own the dog, please note what became of it.

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21) What other pets/animals do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

22) Have you ever bred or raised dogs?  YES  NO

23) Have you ever participated in dog shows?  YES  NO

24) Have you ever trained a dog?  YES  NO

If yes, what commands were taught? \_\_\_\_\_

25) Would you be willing to take your dog to a "greyhound friendly" obedience class?  YES  NO

26) How would you describe your household activity level?

Very quiet  Rather easygoing  Usually something going on  Lots of activity

27) In addition to a regular life at home, would your greyhound:

Walk routinely with a family member? \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_ times per week

Jog routinely with a family member? \_\_\_\_\_ miles \_\_\_\_\_ times per week

Go to your place of business with you?  Travel with you?

Be a playmate for your children or pets?  Be a companion for your children?

Other \_\_\_\_\_

28) Occasionally a greyhound with special needs (physical restrictions or an unusual personality or preferences) or a shy or frightened greyhound is available for adoption. Would you be interested in being considered for such a "special" dog?  YES  NO

29) Why do you want a greyhound? What is it that you see in this breed that works for your household?

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30) Are you committed to an "adjustment period" and working through potential problems?  YES  NO

31) Please add any additional information or thoughts you feel would help us understand you and your home as a potential greyhound home.

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32) What do you feel is an acceptable reason to return a dog?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Shyness - lack of family interaction                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time to care for pet/too active social schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career/lifestyle change                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Having a baby/overwhelmed by new child responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Growling or snapping at children or yourself | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems/loss of job                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated accidents in your home              | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious illness in your immediate family                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separation anxiety/destructiveness           |  |

33) Do you currently have a veterinarian?  YES  NO

If yes, please list the following information:

Clinic's name \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

34) Please list two personal references that you have known for more than two years who are not relatives.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that in order to complete processing of this application a visit to my home will need to be scheduled by a REGAP representative. By submitting this application I agree to such a scheduled visit.*

*I also certify that all information on the REGAP greyhound adoption application is true and correct.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Where have you heard about REGAP? Please be as specific as possible - this information REALLY helps us!**

TV/station(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Radio/station(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper/which one? \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption Clinic/where? \_\_\_\_\_

Special event/where/who? \_\_\_\_\_

You met a REGAP adoptee/who? \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

# **A Greyhound can be the perfect companion for you.... ....but are YOU right for a Greyhound?**

REGAP provides lots of information and support about the Greyhounds. But this sheet is about *YOU*, not the dogs. We stop short of performing lie detector tests on prospective adoptees so only *YOU* can answer these questions. REGAP volunteers love each and every Greyhound we have and we would rather them wait longer for a home than to go through the torture of a temporary placement that confuses them and breaks their hearts. So *YOU* need to look into your own heart and don't make it worse for a Greyhound whose life needs to be made better!

## **Are *YOU* going to just adopt a dog or add a Greyhound to your family?**

REGAP is looking for families or people who consider animals their companions and part of the family.

- ◆ Just as you would not give your children away with a lifestyle change, we want people who will consider their pets in their life and make those changes to also accommodate them - as you do the rest of your family.
- ◆ Career advancement, relocations, having children and changes in domestic tranquility are part and parcel of our society. Through all of that, and more, a Greyhound will *always* be there for you, without qualifications or reservations. If you can't reciprocate, please rethink an adoption that will bond a Greyhound to you for life.

## **Will *YOU* have the time?**

To be with the Greyhound for both *physical* and *emotional* and *financial* requirements.

- ◆ *Physical*: the dog will need to be let out every four hours for a period of time until he or she can build up to "hold it" for a normal work day. If you can't arrange for someone to give the dog a mid-day out, don't take a dog and think you can worry about this later!
- ◆ *Emotional*: this breed needs love and affection to live as much as food and water. If you put two jobs, an active social life, night school and/or weekend play ahead of being with a Greyhound that wants to be with you all the time, don't put a dog in the misery of loneliness.
- ◆ *Financial*: are you able and willing to pay large vet bills if serious health problems arise? Can you afford pet sitters or boarding facilities when you take a vacation or a holiday trip? Are you able to purchase a premium, quality pet food (not cheap grocery store brands) to maintain your companion's health? Can your budget support obedience classes or other training that might be required?

The signature and date below means you have read, understand and agree to meet all the physical, emotional and financial commitments necessary to adopt a Greyhound:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Adopting a Greyhound ... ... a loving commitment

Reading, signing and returning this sheet to REGAP with your application means that you have committed to the time and effort involved in adopting a greyhound. Thank you!

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

Greyhounds make great pets, are very sensitive and intelligent and thrive on love. **BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST, THEY ARE DOGS** - and potential adopters should reconsider if they are not willing to have the patience and spend the time and effort to help a Greyhound become a wonderful pet. REGAP receives back between 5% and 10% of Greyhounds adopted - probably the same (or less) than any breed's track record. The following are examples of the kinds of experiences any dog can provide, not just Greyhounds. Not being prepared for life with any new pet can result in problems - AND REGAP WOULD RATHER NOT ADOPT OUT A GREYHOUND THAN TO HAVE IT RETURNED BECAUSE THE ADOPTING PERSON WAS NOT COMMITTED TO THE ADOPTION AND THE GREYHOUND!

Also included are some ideas to help with these experiences but the best suggestion is to call REGAP volunteers with any questions and **listen and act on the suggestions given.**

Finally, always remember that the Greyhound has lived its life to the point of adoption in a very structured environment. A Greyhound has never been in a home. It has never had to deal with a glass door or window or go up and down steps. Try to remember what it was like on your very first day at school. Everything was new, foreign and different. And you were away, for the first time, from the life you had since being born. Remember? Now you are a little closer to how these dogs feel. Be patient, be loving and BE SURE that you have a commitment to your new pet to give him or her up to possibly 6 months to become acclimated to his or her new world.

POTENTIAL PROBLEM	COMMENTS	POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS
<p><b><u>CHILDREN</u></b></p> <p><b>NOTE: REGAP will not adopt a Greyhound to a family with any child under the age of 5.</b> Toddlers increase the dog's stress and the chance for problems between the child and the Greyhound.</p>	Children need special attention so as not to be in any dog's face or hang on the dog or bother the dog while it is sleeping.	<p>Watch the children closely and use having a pet as a learning experience.</p> <p>Teach children respect for the dog's sleeping area or space.</p>
<p><b><u>SEPARATION ANXIETY</u></b></p> <p><b>Crating can only be used as a temporary, transitional tool!</b></p>	Being alone is the biggest challenge for your new pet who has never been alone in his life.	<b>Do not adopt a Greyhound if your schedule does not allow for significant loving and nurturing time with your pet.</b> There is a possibility that while you are away, a crate might be used as a temporary, <u>transitional</u> tool only. Often a dog will not accept a crate even for a short time and in those instances we will recommend the use of a muzzle. If additional problems arise, use the REGAP support group listed below who are ready and willing to help in any way! But again, be prepared for the challenge and listen and follow through with KCREGAP's suggestions. You may have to try a number of different solutions before one works.
<b><u>CHEWING</u></b>	Often due to being alone	Muzzle, Crate. Use product like "Bitter Apple" on furniture and other items.
<b><u>HOUSEBREAKING</u></b>	Sometimes habit forming	Feed the dog daily at the same time so bathroom out times are more predictable. Always let the Greyhound out immediately after eating & before you leave & when you come home & last thing before bed.
<b><u>URINATING IN HOUSE OR CRATE</u></b>	Often a sudden case of indoor peeing may indicate a urinary tract infection	Contact your veterinarian for a urine check for your dog
<b><u>OTHER PETS</u></b>	Greys are playful but sometimes don't know restraint at first	Muzzle
<b><u>ANY QUESTIONS</u></b>	A support group is here to help. Use the experience we have accumulated by helping nearly 600 Kansas City families adopt and enjoy the wonderful experience of living with and loving a Greyhound!	<p>Cher Oliver          KC, MO...(816) 763-3333</p> <p>Kevin &amp; Sherry Neuman          Overland Park, KS...(913) 681-2228</p> <p>Chris &amp; Julie Morrison          Lenexa, KS...(913) 859-9142</p>