

Frequently Asked Questions About Greyhounds:

- 1. Are they good as pets?* Yes, they are friendly, quiet and affectionate.
- 2. Do they need to run a lot?* No, they need about a 20 minute daily walk for exercise. If you have a fenced area they will run once or twice a week.
- 3. Are they good with children?* Yes, they tend to be patient with children, but as with any breed, parental supervision is a must. Children should never disturb the dog when it is eating or sleeping. Children need to learn to leave the dog alone when it is resting. Some experts say the male greyhound is better with children than the females who tend to see children as puppies and may “discipline” them.
- 4. Are they housebroken?* Not completely, they are crate trained. Some may be housebroken to the foster home but may have a few accidents in your home.
- 5. How much does it cost to adopt one?* \$200.00 tax-deductible donation. This donation includes the cost of a special collar and matching lead. Crates are available for rental of \$22.00 for the first two weeks and \$11.00 for each additional week.
- 6. Can they run loose?* Never! They must always be on a leash or in a completely fenced area. They have been bred for speed and have had the idea to chase reinforced in them. You are risking your dog's life if you let them run loose.
- 7. Can they be on a run or stake?* Never! Since they can reach full speed in a very short time, they can break their necks or backs if wearing a harness.
- 8. Can they stay outside?* No, they cannot tolerate temperature extremes, both hot or cold. Also, for any breed, someone could enter your yard and let the dog out by accident or even steal the dog.
- 9. How much do they eat?* About 4 cups per day, 2 cups in the morning and 2 cups at night. Some may need more until they reach their ideal weight.
- 10. Do they have any special requirements?* Yes, in addition to always being on a leash or in a fenced area, they are also sensitive to chemicals. As such, they cannot wear flea collars or be exposed to toxic chemicals. In general, shampoos or other products need to be safe for puppies and kittens.
- 11. How old are they?* From 18 months to 6 years, the average is 2 years old.
- 12. Are they neutered or spayed?* Yes, they are all “fixed” before they can be adopted.
- 13. Have they had their shots?* Yes, they are up to date on their shots.
- 14. How are they with other animals?* Most are good with other animals but some are not good with cats or small animals.
- 15. What is their life expectancy?* The life span is from 12 to 14 years.
- 16. How do I adopt one?* You need to complete and return an application form. Once you are approved, you meet the adoptable greyhounds at one of our awareness clinics. Since we know their personalities, we will help you select your greyhound. We will then set a time for the adoption. We also recommend that you read “Adopting the Racing Greyhound” By Cynthia A. Branigan.

Estimates Of Costs

Many prospective Greyhound owners ask us about how much it will cost for the annual check-up with the Vet. While the fees vary in different offices this is an approximation of the routine yearly costs.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Approximate Cost</i>
Office visit	\$25.00
DHPP (distemper, etc)	16.00
Lepto	12.00
Bordetella*	10.00
Lyme*	22.00
Rabies (3 year)	12.00
Heartworm test	23.00
Heartworm preventative (12 months)	78.00
Stool test	12.00
Worming	Varies
Waste disposal fee for each shot	.55

Total yearly cost approximately: 220.00

While we are on the topic of cost, there are other costs involved. We have tried to include the approximate costs of these other items.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Approximate Cost</i>
Food	\$30.00
Treats (24 oz box hard biscuits)	5.00
Dishes	10.00 to 15.00
Sight hound Collar **	9.25
Leash**	8.00
Comb/brush	10.00
Shampoo	8.00 to 10.00
Nail Clippers	12.00 to 25.00
Nail trimming by groomer	5.00
Fleece toy	8.00 to 15.00
Bed/comforter	30.00 and up
Coat	35.00 to 60.00

Total about \$190.00 for the 1st month and a minimum of \$40.00 each month thereafter.

* Usually need a second booster in 3 to 4 weeks the first time, then yearly boosters.

**We sell special collars and matching leads for Greyhounds.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

Greyhound Rescue of New York, Inc. considers pet ownership to be a very serious responsibility. Great care is taken to insure that each person adopting a Greyhound is aware of that responsibility and that they are ready, willing and able to take on that responsibility.

The Pre-Adoption Form asks questions to help you and Greyhound Rescue decide if a Greyhound is the right breed for you. The staff at Greyhound Rescue will help you select a dog. We have been observing the dog's behavior, personality and temperament. The information on the pre-application form helps us get to know a little bit about you. We will speak with you and any other family members. Any who will be living with the dog, including other dogs, should come and meet the Greyhound.

We urge you to be very honest with us about yourself and your home life, as these dogs rely on us to find a suitable home for them. One dog may be perfect for a busy household, while another may panic and be terrified. They truly have their own personality.

Please keep in mind the responsibility of pet ownership when completing the pre-adoption application form. Have you considered the time and expense of pet ownership? Remember this pet is the equivalent of a perennial 2 year old child and you will be the sole provider of all his basic needs for the rest of his life. He will need: regular walks, food, water, shelter, a soft bed, training, collars, leashes, routine and unexpected veterinary care, and a lot of love, patience and understanding.

Once we help select the right match for you, a legal agreement is filled out. It states that you will care for the dog properly, as we have described in the agreement.

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Pre-Adoption Application

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ EVENING PHONE _____

_____ CLINIC _____ DATE _____

1. *In what type of housing do you reside?* ____ Apt./Condo., ____ Townhouse, ____ Single Family

2. *Do you:* ____ Own ____ Rent

If you rent, does your landlord permit dogs? ____ Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure

Would you permit us to contact your landlord? ____ Yes ____ No

Landlord's telephone number _____ (We need written approval letter)

3. *Do you have a fenced in yard?* ____ Yes, Height _____ (in feet), ____ No. Are you able to leash walk
walk dog at least 4 times a day for necessary functions? ____ Yes ____ No. Why not? _____

4. *Makeup of household:* ____ Adults ____ Children, Ages: _____

5. *Does anyone in the household have allergies?* ____ No ____ Yes, What type? _____

6. *Which family member will have the major responsibility of caring for the dog?* _____

7. *How many hours a day would the dog normally be left alone?* _____

8. *How close is your nearest neighbor?* _____ Is the Area? ____ City, ____ Suburban, ____ Rural

9. *Will this be your first pet?* ____ Yes ____ No

What pets did you previously own, if any? ____ Dogs ____ Cats ____ Other

What happened to them? _____

What pets do you currently own if any? ____ Dogs, Breed _____

____ Cats ____ Other, what kind _____

If you currently own a dog(s), is it neutered/spayed? ____ Yes ____ No

10. *Who is your veterinarian?* _____ Phone Number _____

11. *Why do you want to adopt a Greyhound?* _____

12. *What sex do you prefer?* ____ Female ____ Male ____ No preference

15. Since Greyhounds bond closely to their owner, will you allow your Greyhound to sleep in your bedroom?
___ Yes ___ No, why not? _____

16. Do you agree to keep your Greyhound on a leash or in a fenced-in area at all times and never on a "tie out" stake? ___ Yes ___ No

17. Do you agree to return your Greyhound to us if you are unable to keep it? ___ Yes ___ No

18. Are you willing to keep the dog up to date on all shots, screen for heartworm and use heartworm preventive? ___ Yes ___ No

19. Are you willing to license the dog and keep it properly identified (ID tag and Greyhound Rescue tag)?
___ Yes ___ No

20. Are you willing to allow us to visit your home as part of this pre-adoption process? ___ Yes ___ No

21. Are you willing to provide us with follow-up reports? ___ Yes ___ No

22. Are you willing to volunteer your time to Greyhound Rescue of New York, Inc.? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, are you willing to: ___ Help at awareness clinics ___ Other _____
Please list any special skills or talents _____

23. Please use the space below to list 3 references (2 if you have a current veterinarian). Please include complete address and telephone number.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I understand that a NON-REFUNDABLE TAX-DEDUCTABLE \$200 DONATION
WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION

By signing this application, I(we) authorize the Veterinarian listed on this application to
release information to a representative of Greyhound Rescue of New York, Inc.

Date

Applicant's Signature

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Applicant's Signature

PLEASE FAX TO: 1-877-278-2194 OR MAIL APPLICATION TO:
Greyhound Rescue of New York, Inc.
P. O. Box 1527
Clifton Park, NY 12065