

**GreyHounds of Eastern Michigan  
Application For Adoption**

**NOTE:** you will need to print this file before you can fill out the application.

Greyhounds are affectionate, friendly and intelligent dogs who thrive on attention and human companionship. Raised with their littermates, where they competed for affection, greyhounds love becoming the center of attention as household pets. Greyhounds do not usually make good watchdogs. Their friendly nature is not really very threatening. Adoptions of GEM Greyhounds are made with the understanding that the dog will become a house pet. Greyhounds, like people, have many personalities. The following questions help us match greyhounds with people and pets. You are welcome to expand on any area or provide additional information on separate pages. This application, if approved, will become part of the Adoption Agreement.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 20\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call at Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call at Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (s) / Employer (s) / Time in position (s):

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\_\_\_\_\_

List names & ages of all children living in the home:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: You will be asked to read the book "Living With Kids and Dogs ... Without Losing Your Mind" by Colleen Pelar, CPDT, if you have you have young children at home.

List the names, ages & relationship of all other persons living in your home:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you or anyone in your household have allergies and specifically allergies to dogs?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about GreyHounds of Eastern Michigan?

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Have you ever met a retired racing greyhound?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing greyhound?

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Are you willing to spend the funds necessary for greyhound ownership?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to keep this dog on good nutritionally balanced dog food?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree to keep this dog on Heart Worm preventative year round and to make sure shots and other medical needs are up to date?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the activity level of your household?

Quiet: \_\_\_\_\_ Moderately Active: \_\_\_\_\_ Very Active: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per day will your greyhound be home alone?

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_\_\_ 4: \_\_\_\_\_ 5: \_\_\_\_\_ 6: \_\_\_\_\_

7: \_\_\_\_\_ 8: \_\_\_\_\_ 9: \_\_\_\_\_ 10: \_\_\_\_\_ 11: \_\_\_\_\_ 12: \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your greyhound stay when home alone?

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Where will your greyhound sleep at night?

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Do you have other pets and if so, what breed, sex, age, and if they are spayed/neutered? Additionally, please list previously owned pets and what happened to them.

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Do you live in a:

Single Family Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment: \_\_\_\_\_ Condominium: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If "Other", please explain:

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Do you own or rent?

Own: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have permission from the landlord or condo association to have a dog?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A: \_\_\_\_\_

If required, will you provide written permission from the appropriate party?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes to fenced yard, please list type, size of yard and height:

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Are you willing / able to provide on-leash walks with your greyhound frequently?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be the primary caretaker of the greyhound?

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On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest) How would you rate your knowledge of dog behavior?

1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_\_\_ 4: \_\_\_\_\_ 5: \_\_\_\_\_

GEM is an adoption and support organization. May we periodically contact you to maintain our database after your adoption?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family anticipate any major lifestyle changes in the next year?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain:

(Examples: retirement, moving, new jobs or schedule change)

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What do you consider a valid reason for giving up a pet?  
(Choose primary and list all others in narrative)

Barking: \_\_\_\_\_

Expense: \_\_\_\_\_

Biting: \_\_\_\_\_

Having a baby: \_\_\_\_\_

Chewing: \_\_\_\_\_

Too Rough with Kids: \_\_\_\_\_

Destructiveness: \_\_\_\_\_

Unable to Housebreak: \_\_\_\_\_

Digging: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Moving: \_\_\_\_\_

NONE: \_\_\_\_\_

House Remodeling: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain:

(Please place N/A in this field if it does not apply)

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Are all members of the household in total agreement with this adoption?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If No, please explain:

(Please place N/A in this field if it does not apply)

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Have you applied to another rescue group? GEM does NOT compete with other rescue groups:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain why you are now applying to GEM:

(Please place N/A in this field if it does not apply)

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Occasionally, an older dog, or previously injured dog or special needs dog becomes available. Would you be willing to consider such a dog?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously Injured: \_\_\_\_\_ Older 5 to 6 years: \_\_\_\_\_ Older 7 or more: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand that this greyhound may not be completely house trained and are you willing to take the time and energy necessary for house training?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: (Please list name, complete address and telephone number)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your veterinarian as a reference?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide 2 personal references:

Reference #1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read either of these required reading books?

"Adopting the racing Greyhound" by Cynthia Branigan (ISBN 0-7645-4086-6)

-or-

"Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies" by Lee Livingood (ISBN 0-7645-5276-7)

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

May we conduct a in home interview?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting a greyhound is a lifetime commitment. The greyhound can be expected to live in excess of 12 years. To ensure the safety and health of the greyhound, the following "Adoption Requirements" must be complied with explicitly. Please do not consider adoption if you will not be able to meet this lifetime commitment or adhere to these requirements. Please also consider the financial responsibility in adopting a greyhound - this responsibility does not end with the Adoption Fee of \$225.00. While greyhounds tend to be a pretty healthy breed, there are veterinary costs associated with caring for any dog.

#### **ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Required Reading: "Adopting the Racing Greyhound" by Cythia Branigan (ISBN 0-87605-193-X) OR "Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies" by Lee Livingood (ISBN 0-7645-5276-7)
2. Additional Required Reading for those with young children: "Living with Kids and Dogs ... Without Losing Your Mind" by Colleen Pelar, CPDT (ISBN 1-9335-6266-8)
3. It is vital to keep your greyhound on leash whenever it is outdoors, unless it is in a fenced-in area. NEVER "trust" it not to run away.
4. You must keep a collar bearing identification on your greyhound at all times.
5. If your greyhound should become lost, you are REQUIRED to notify GEM immediately.
6. If you should ever decide you cannot keep or do not want your greyhound, you must notify GEM before taking any action. You may not give your greyhound to anyone else without GEM's consent and you must agree never to take it to a "pound" or other humane shelter.
7. You must agree to keep your greyhound as a pet and never attempt to use it for pari-mutuel racing or laboratory research.
8. GEM will have performed the following medical procedures for your greyhound: DHLPP, Rabies, Bortadella and Corona vaccinations, spay or neuter, Heart Worm test, teeth cleaning, polishing and any needed extractions, and worming. Your responsibilities will include maintaining regular vaccinations and veterinary care whenever they are required.
9. Your greyhound's racing career is over and can never be reactivated.

10. GEM is a nonprofit, entirely volunteer-run organization funded primarily by donations. There are many expenses associated with the rescue and placement of each greyhound. The adoption fee of \$225.00 helps to cover the costs of the medical procedures described in #8 as well as transportation to Michigan. Your greyhound will be provided with a muzzle and martingale collar and matching leash at no charge. The adoption donation and additional fee for medical procedures are non-refundable.

11. Adoptions of GEM greyhounds are made with the understanding that each dog will be a house pet.

I/We have read and agree to abide by the eleven "Adoption Requirements". If I/we qualify and receive a greyhound from GEM, I/we will accept full responsibility for the greyhound.

I/We also understand that to complete the processing of this application, a representative of the adoption program will schedule a visit to our home to assist us in matching the needs of a greyhound with the needs of our household. By submitting this application, I/we agree to such a scheduled visit and confirm that all members of the household will attend the home visit. I/we certify that all information provided on this application is true and correct. I/we understand that I/we may be asked to sign a printed copy of this application before receiving a greyhound.

This application must be signed by ALL adults residing in the home.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 20\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 20\_\_\_\_

**This application will not be accepted unless completely filled out! Thank You!**

Please Mail to:

GreyHounds of Eastern Michigan  
P.O. Box 194  
Wayne, MI 48184