

Rocky Mountain Greyhound Adoption, Inc.
Application for Adoption

When you have completed this application you can mail it to:
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420 N 6th Ave
Brighton, CO 80601

To better match Greyhound to potential adopter,
please fill out this application in its entirety. **Please print!**

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ Cell: () _____

Occupation: _____ Work phone: _____

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E-mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Your work hours? _____ Spouse's or partner's work hours? _____

Time at residence: _____ Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No Describe: _____

What is your residence: _____ Single family dwelling _____ Apartment _____
Mobile/ Manufactured Home _____ Duplex _____

Do you Own your residence Yes No Rent your residence Yes No

If you rent or lease, do you have permission to adopt a Greyhound? Yes No Landlord's name and phone _____

How many adults in your household? _____ How many children and their ages? _____

Have you or your children ever had a negative experience with a dog? Yes No Please explain _____

Have you ever returned a pet or relinquished a pet to a shelter? _____

Have you done research on Greyhound adoption? Yes No

Please Describe _____

What pets do you have? _____

How many pets have you owned in the past 5 years? _____

Please indicate what types of pets and what became of them _____

Who will be responsible for caring for your Greyhound? _____

Will your Greyhound be an "inside" dog? Yes No

Where will your Greyhound be kept during inclement weather? _____

If no fence, how often will you walk your Greyhound? _____

How many times per day will your Greyhound be allowed to relieve itself? _____

How many hours per day will your Greyhound be left alone? _____

Are all of the members in your household in agreement with adopting a Greyhound? Yes No

Do you have any health problems that would prevent you from taking care of a Greyhound? Yes No

Would you be willing to use a crate to help your Greyhound acclimate to your home? Yes No

Are you aware that Greyhounds must be walked on lead and only allowed to run loose in a fenced area? Yes No

Do you agree to keep your Greyhound safe on lead or allow to run only in a fenced area? Yes No

Do you agree not to leave your Greyhound tied outside? Yes No

Are you willing to provide yearly inoculation/rabies vaccines for your Greyhound? Yes No

Who is your veterinarian? _____

Is your veterinarian familiar with Greyhounds? Yes No

Will you agree to keep a name tag with your name, address and telephone number on your Greyhound at all times? Yes No

Will you agree to keep a Rocky Mountain Greyhound Adoption, Inc. tag on your pet? Yes No

Will you permit an RMGA representative to visit your home to check on your Greyhound's adjustment to its new home? Yes No

If your Greyhound is lost or stolen, will you agree to contact RMGA IMMEDIATELY? Yes No

Do you agree to return your Greyhound to RMGA if for any reason you are unable to continue to care for it? Yes No

Occasionally, Greyhounds with special needs are available for adoption. (Special needs may include physical restrictions, personality problems, or older animals) Would you be interested in a "Special Needs" Greyhound? Yes No

Do you have a preference regarding: **Age:** No Yes: _____ **Sex:** No Yes: _____ **Color:** No Yes: _____
 (If yes, please specify)

What personality traits are you looking for in a Greyhound?

_____ Quiet _____ Playful _____ Active _____ Lovable
 _____ Reserved _____ Affectionate _____ Good w/ kids _____ Good w/ cats
 _____ Good w/ dogs _____ Jogging partner _____ "Best friend" _____ Agility/ Obedience/ Coursing

List three references, with telephone number, which may be contacted by RMGA, Inc.:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

How did you hear about Rocky Mountain Greyhound Adoption? _____

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RMGA Contacts
Torri 303 995-6929
Jan 303 452-8574
Judith 303 289-4495
Jane & Dan 303 449-3718

We are pleased that you are considering adding a Greyhound to your home. We believe Greyhounds are the best dogs, and pets, in the world, but we need to remind you that they are dogs. There will be an adjustment period when they join your household, and you will need to set limits for your new friend. Please consider the following. If you have doubts, think it over before you adopt!

When a kennel operator or owner gives us a Greyhound for placement, we make a commitment to the person and the Greyhound that we will provide placement support for that dog for the rest of its life. Because we make that commitment, we ask our adopters to enter into adoption with the intent that they will make a similar commitment to their adopted friend. While we understand that there will be circumstances that will prevent an adopter from keeping a Greyhound, we ask that you consider carefully your commitment before you adopt. Our Greyhounds lead a fairly sheltered life before adoption. They are born on the dog farm and raised with their littermates until about a year old. They then move into the kennel to train for their careers. They train with their littermates, and then live in the race kennel with people and dogs they know for their race careers. After retirement, they leave their "comfort zone" to enter an adoption program. Some adoption groups believe that fostering a Greyhound improves his/her ability to adapt to their new home. We have not found that to be true. Greyhounds form bonds with humans and other dogs very quickly, and when they leave a foster home for their permanent home, it's another difficult adjustment. Some find moving from home to home more traumatic than others, and they may develop behavioral problems, including separation anxiety.

The same holds true for Greyhounds that are adopted, and then relinquished a short time later. Before you adopt, please consider that your dog will probably adjust relatively quickly to your home, but you could also run into some potentially frustrating problems which could include chewing, relieving itself in the house, snatching things from the kitchen counter or trash, hiding in a remote location in the house, or other common "dog" problems. RMGA has been in operation almost 10 years. Our adoption coordinator has been a Greyhound trainer for approximately 20 years. Our board members each have 10 years or more Greyhound experience. Please, if you experience problems, **call us**, and give us the opportunity to help you work through any problems.

Before you adopt, please make sure your entire family is in agreement to adopt. If you plan to have children, consider whether you will be willing and able to keep your Greyhound with a human puppy in the house. If you have children, will you set, and enforce, limits for the children to ensure the safety and welfare of dog and child? Should you and your significant other separate in the future, would either of you be willing to keep your Greyhound friend? If your living situation changes, are you willing to make an effort to keep your 4-legged friend(s) with you? If you are adopting a Greyhound "for the kids," will the dog still have a place in your lives after the newness wears off and the children find other interests? While Greyhounds are generally a healthy breed, you will have vet bills. Are you willing and able to provide medical care for a Greyhound? As all dogs, Greyhounds live relatively short lives. At best, we will have them in our lives until they are 12 to 14 years old. They deserve to be loved, well cared for and have a stable home.

Should you **ever** be forced to relinquish your RMGA Greyhound, PLEASE, return him/her to us! Please, please **do not** surrender your Greyhound to a local animal shelter. Greyhounds have a very difficult time in a regular dog shelter. They are not prepared for the noise, they will not be provided any soft bedding, they will not be allowed outside to relieve themselves. Some Greyhounds left at shelters make themselves very ill because they know they are not supposed to relieve themselves inside, and will attempt to "hold it" until they can't any more. Any personal items you leave for the dog will not be kept with the dog. Those who have left dog beds, food and toys when surrendering their dogs have provided goods for the shelter. They do not give those items to the next adopter. Please remember, you signed a contract with us, **PLEASE, HONOR THAT CONTRACT, YOUR WORD AND AGREEMENT.**

We want your adoption experience to be joyful for you and the Greyhound. Give us your commitment, let us help you with any problems, and you will end up with one of the best friends you could ever have!

Test your Greyhound knowledge.

Choose the correct answer(s) for the following questions. This test is to help us determine how much you know about Greyhounds. A "good grade" is **not** required to adopt a Greyhound. This test tells us if we did OUR job!

1. The lifespan of a Greyhound is:
 - a. 8 - 9 years
 - b. 12 - 14 years
 - c. 5 - 6 years
 - d. 16 - 18 years

2. Greyhounds are physically and psychologically like any other dog.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. Greyhounds are well suited for life as an outdoor/backyard dog.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Greyhounds are best suited to:
 - a. A family with small children
 - b. A family with teenage children
 - c. A single member household
 - d. A family with no children
 - e. All of the above

5. The veterinarian caring for your Greyhound can treat your dog like any other dog.
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. Greyhounds wear muzzles during racing because they are aggressive by nature.
 - a. True
 - b. False

7. Children should always be supervised when playing with a Greyhound and must be taught to respect the dog.
 - a. True
 - b. False

8. The best way to reprimand a Greyhound is:
 - a. A sharp word at the time the offensive behavior occurs
 - b. A sharp slap on the rear
 - c. Quietly telling the dog "No"
 - d. Throwing water on the dog

9. Greyhounds tend to mature (emotionally) somewhat slower than other dogs.
 - a. True
 - b. False

10. Greyhounds, due to their aggressive nature, make ideal watch dogs.
 - a. True
 - b. False

11. Many Greyhounds can learn to live with cats
 - a. True
 - b. False