

# Music City Greyhound Adoption

## The Adoption Process

Generally, within a week of receiving this application and your \$50 deposit, we will contact you for a 20-30 minute phone interview. A home visit typically is scheduled within a 2-3 weeks after the phone interview. **All persons who will be living in the house with the greyhound must be present for a home visit to occur.** We are an all-volunteer organization, so home visits are done on weekends. During the home visit, Music City Greyhound representatives will endeavor to bring at least two dogs we believe will fit in your family.

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

### ABOUT YOU

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Employer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Employer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Music City Greyhound? Please circle all that apply:

News story + Internet + Brochure + Meet & Greet + Veterinarian/Kennel

Advertisement + Friend + Petfinder.com + Other (Please specify)

Describe the temperament/personality of the greyhound you think would fit in your home and with your lifestyle.

Why do you want to adopt a retired racing greyhound?

Who will have primary responsibility for caring for and training your greyhound?

Number of adults living in your household and their ages. \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children who LIVE in your household regularly. \_\_\_\_\_

Number and ages of children who VISIT your household regularly. \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes No** Does anyone in your household have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

If you move, what will you do with your greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will care for your greyhound if you are on vacation or out of town? \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes No** Are you anticipating any major life changes? Circle all that apply.

Marriage + Divorce + Move + Remodeling + Pregnancy/Adoption

Change in job + Care of a family member other \_\_\_\_\_

### **ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PETS**

Please list all pets you currently have. Use additional sheets, if needed.

Type M/F Age Neuter/Spayed Temperament

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**Yes No** Have you had other pets in the past? Provide details, including what happened to them. Use additional sheets, if needed.

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**Yes No** Have you ever turned a pet in to a humane society, pound or breeder? If so, Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of the following would concern you if exhibited by your greyhound? Circle all that apply.

Growling/snapping/biting + Chewing/destructiveness + Digging + Fleas  
Getting on furniture + Too rough with children + Housebreaking difficulties  
Ignores children + Injuring/killing another animal \_ other

How would you rate your knowledge of dog behavior?  
None 1 2 3 4 5 Extensive

What would you do if your greyhound exhibited behavioral issues?

**Yes No** Do you currently have a veterinarian? \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes No** Have you discussed with your veterinarian your intention to adopt a greyhound and inquired about his/her experience with the breed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Greyhounds are sensitive to anesthesia, some medications and some flea and tick products. It is essential that your vet be knowledgeable about greyhounds and respects these issues.**

Explain why it is important to keep a greyhound on a leash or inside a fenced area at all times.

**Yes No** Do you plan to participate in any special activities with your greyhound? If So, Circle all that apply: Pet therapy Lure coursing Obedience

### **ABOUT YOUR HOME**

How many hours a day will your greyhound be alone?

My home is: Busy + Quiet I live in the: City + Suburbs + Country

Where do you live? House + Apartment + Mobile Home + Condo

**Yes No** Does your yard/home have any of the following?

Ground Pool + Above-Ground Pool + Hot Tub/Jacuzzi + Water Feature/Pond

**Yes No** If you rent or lease, do you have your landlord's permission to have a dog?

Landlord's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes No** Does your home have stairs?

How many stairs inside? Carpeted Uncarpeted Open-backed

How many stairs outside? Open-backed Closed-backed

Where would your greyhound stay during the day? Sleep at night?

Is your yard fenced? If yes, please describe the type of fencing, condition and height.

**Yes No** If your yard is unfenced, are you willing/able to leash walk your greyhound at least four times a day?

FYI: Electronic fence is not acceptable; it will not hold a greyhound.

**Yes No** if your yard is unfenced, is there a nearby fenced, grassy area (ball field, friends Yard) where a greyhound could run safely? Please describe.

### **BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION**

**Yes No** I have read/am reading Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies or Adopting the Racing Greyhound. If I have children in my home, I also have read/am reading Childproofing your Dog or Living with Kids and Dogs without Losing Your Mind.

**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. Most must be crated while owners are away for their safety and for the well being of their new home.**

**Music City Greyhound takes seriously its responsibility for placing dogs in appropriate, permanent homes. If we place a dog with you, we ask that you make a commitment to your hound for life. Consider the following carefully:**

**Yes No** A greyhound's average life expectancy is 12+ years. I agree to make a lifetime commitment to my greyhound's care/wellbeing.

**Yes No** A hound must wear a tag collar at all times bearing his name and the owner's contact information as well as the emergency contact tag Music City Greyhound provides.

**Yes No** The greyhound must be given Heartworm preventative on a monthly basis for the remainder of his/her life.

**Yes No** No chain choke collars or prong collars are permitted

**Yes No** A greyhound is an indoor pet and must not be isolated in the garage, basement or left outdoors unattended.

**Yes No** A hound should never be tied outside with a run line or other stationary tether.

**Yes No** A crate is typically the safest place for a greyhound when owners are away.

**Yes No** I understand the annual cost of owning a greyhound, including food, routine vet care and monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventative averages \$700-\$1,000. I Am prepared and able to meet this minimum financial commitment as well as Any and all emergency vet care and kenneling needs for the lifetime of the dog.

**Yes No** Hounds adopted through Music City must be returned to this group if the owner is incapable of caring for it at any time and for any reason.

**Yes No** I agree to never give, sell or transfer ownership of my greyhound to any individual, animal shelter, pound, humane group or veterinary clinic.

### **REFERENCES**

By providing Music City Greyhound with these names, you are consenting to a representative of Music City Greyhound contacting references.

VETERINARIAN \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

List two individuals, their phone numbers and addresses who you have known you for more than two years and who do not reside with you and are not family members. If you have not listed a veterinarian, please list three references.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **ADOPTION FEE**

The \$300 adoption fee helps offset the cost of initial veterinary care for recently retired dogs. Each Music City Greyhound dog has had the following services: spay/neuter, dental, heartworm screening and preventative, worming, vaccination updates if needed, screening for tick-borne infections and treatment, nail trimming. All the greyhounds come with an information packet, collar, leash and muzzle as part of the adoption fee.

### **DEPOSIT**

To begin the adoption process, **we must receive your non-refundable \$50 deposit** with your application. If your application is approved, this deposit will be applied to your adoption fee. If Music City Greyhound doesn't approve your application, your deposit will be returned. If you withdraw your application, your deposit is forfeit.

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

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

Please mail your **application** and **\$50 deposit** to:

Music City Greyhound 1128 Neptune Rd. Ashland City TN 37015

A Music City Greyhound representative will call within a week of the receipt of your application and \$50 deposit. What is the best time and number to reach you?

Best time/day(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_