

# Music City Greyhound Adoption Foster Application

Greyhound fostering is a serious responsibility and in most cases, at least a two week or longer commitment. This application is intended to assist Music City Greyhound Adoption (Music City Greyhound) in evaluating the willingness and ability of prospective foster homes to meet this responsibility. This application and the home visit also assist Music City Greyhound in placing the right greyhound in the right foster home.

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Part of the preparation for fostering a retired racing greyhound is doing the appropriate reading and research. Music City Greyhound **REQUIRES** the reading of *Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies*, by Lee Livingood, preferably before the application is submitted, but definitely by the time of the applicant's home visit. Music City Greyhound sells this book, for \$15, to assist applicants with this process. For homes with children, Music City Greyhound also **requires** that the book *Childproofing Your Dog* by Brian Kilcommons be read, this book is also sold by Music City Greyhound for \$10.

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Straight off the track greyhounds will go through a period of adjustment as he/she settles into your home. Some greyhounds will be slower to housebreak than others until they adjust to their new routines. Other greyhounds may have a tendency to chew and will need to be muzzled or crated to safeguard your furniture and valuables until they settle in to their new surroundings. While some greyhounds are very social, others are quite shy and will need a quiet, gentle approach.

Foster parents need to be prepared for these and possibly other challenges with their foster greyhound. Most issues of this type can be resolved over time with patience, TLC and perseverance. Music City Greyhound will also provide foster support to help assure a successful transition for both the foster home and hound.

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Music City Greyhound will provide the foster home with a foster dog, a foster crate, foster food and any medical care needed for the foster dog. Heartworm preventative will be mailed to each foster home prior to the first of each month. It is your responsibility as a foster home to make sure your foster is given this preventative on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. As a foster home, you will occasionally be asked to transport your foster hound to medical appointments or to meet up with the Home Visit Coordinator so that they may take your hound on a home visit. It is also suggested that you take your foster to as many Meet and Greets (M & G) as possible if they are not on home visits. Getting your foster out in the public heightens their chances of adoption.

You will be provided with a Foster Manual if you agree to foster. By accepting to foster for Music City Greyhound, you agree to follow the procedures in this manual.

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As a foster home, it is your responsibility to contact your foster coordinator the next day after getting your foster with an update and then on a weekly basis, **and more frequently if there is a problem**, to report on the progress of your foster hound.

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Remember, while fostering is a short-term commitment, it is one of the most important steps to a retired racer finding their forever home.

**Please provide the following information:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Music City Greyhound Adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to foster a retired racing Greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

What research have you done regarding Greyhounds? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pets: please provide type, sex, age, spayed or neutered (Y/N), and temperament.

Type	(M/F)	Age	Fixed (Y/N)	Temperament

Where is/are your pet(s) during the day, where do/does your pet(s) sleep at night?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where would your foster be during the day, and where would he sleep at night?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following behaviors would cause you serious concern if exhibited by your foster Greyhound? (Circle all that apply)

- Growling/snapping/biting
  - Chewing, Destructiveness
  - Digging
  - Getting on furniture
  - Fleas
  - Too rough with children
  - Does not play with children
  - Housebreaking difficulties
  - Injuring or killing another animals
- Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of adults in your household and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

List the children that live in your household and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

List any children that may visit and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Dose anyone in your household have animal related allergies:  Yes  No

Do you have a completely fenced-in yard?  Yes  No

If yes, size of area: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fencing and condition, and height: \_\_\_\_\_

If your yard is not fenced, is there a nearby fenced-in, grassy area (ball-field etc.) where you may regularly allow your foster greyhound to exercise? Describe this area, size and location:

\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a fenced-in yard, are you willing and able to leash walk your foster for its necessary bodily functions at least four (4) times a day and willing and able to take your foster on regular walks for exercise?

Yes  No

Please describe the importance of keeping a Greyhound on a leash at all times when outdoors in an area that is not completely and safely fenced-in. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your feelings about tying or chaining a dog outside: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why Greyhounds need to be kept as indoor dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours a day will your foster greyhound be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the area in which you live:  City  Suburbs  Country

Where do you live?  House  Apartment  Mobile Home  Condo

Are there stairs in your home that your foster will have to navigate?  Yes  No

If yes, how many? Inside: \_\_\_\_\_ Outside: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be responsible for the care and training of your foster? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us anything about yourself that you feel might help us in placing a foster greyhound in your home.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Greyhounds are indoor pets; do you agree to keep your foster indoors?  Yes  No

Do you agree to use the tag collar provided by Music City Greyhound on your foster greyhound at all times?

Yes  No

Do you agree to take your foster to Pet Med Animal Hospital for their vet visits if needed?

Yes  No

If for any reason you are unable to continue to foster, the Greyhound must be returned to Music City Greyhound

Do you agree to immediately notify a representative of Music City Greyhound if you are no longer able to foster, and agree never to give or sell your foster greyhound to any individual, animal shelter, pound, humane group or laboratory?

Yes  No

**References:** By providing Music City Greyhound with these names, you consent to a representative of Music City Greyhound contacting your references regarding your interest in foster a retired racing greyhound.

Please list below individuals, with telephones numbers and addresses, who you have known for more than two years and who do not reside with you and are not family members.

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that in order to complete the processing of this Application, a representative of Music City Greyhound will schedule a visit to our home to assist us in matching the needs of a Foster 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 be present at this visit. I/We agree that if this Application is approved, it will become part of the Music City Greyhound Foster Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE MAIL TO:**  
Liz Trapp, Music City Greyhound Foster Coordinator  
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