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GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption

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GREYHOUND ADOPTION APPLICATION

This application is designed to help you think about the living requirements of retired greyhounds and decide if adoption is right for you. It may seem like a lot of questions, but please take your time and carefully consider your answers. We take our responsibility to the dogs and future owners very seriously. We hope this application assists you in choosing GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption as your group as much as it helps us guide you to the right dog. From all the members at Sun State, welcome to our world of greyhound companions!

ALL ABOUT YOU

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email address: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Do you Own Rent Other: _____

If you do **not** own, provide Landlord name: _____ & phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

If you don't own your home, do you have permission to have a large pet? _____

How did you hear about our adoption and family support services? _____

Were you referred by or know a Sun State volunteer that you'd like to use as a reference? _____

Names of all household members and their ages: _____

Please describe the other pets in your home or any who visit frequently: _____

Why would you like to adopt a greyhound? _____

If you aren't adopting right away, please explain when you anticipate doing so and the reason for the delay so that we can help you plan accordingly: _____

Who would be the primary caregiver of your greyhound? _____

Have you ever owned a greyhound or volunteered with an adoption group in the past? _____

Please tell us about your other greyhound(s): _____

Are all members of your household aware of and in agreement with adopting a greyhound?

Are any members of your family actively serving in the Military? _____

Do you expect any deployments or reassignments in your future? _____

If so, please explain how you would make it possible for your greyhound to remain a part of your family: _____

THE NEEDS OF A RETIRED ATHLETE

Greyhounds are a breed with a life expectancy of 10 years or more. Are you prepared for a commitment to a dog for the remainder of its life? _____

Do you have the financial resources to meet the medical needs of a large dog, including good quality food, heartworm preventative, vet care, and flea medications, as needed? _____

Greyhounds are sighthounds, which means their eyesight is highly developed. They are also friendly and curious, as well as filled with the desire to run whenever given the chance. A greyhound, therefore, can never be trusted off-leash unless in a secure, fenced area. **A loose greyhound is usually a dead greyhound.** Do you understand this requirement and agree to keep your dog safe by always leashing it unless in a securely fenced area? _____

If you have young children, have you considered how you will prevent them (and their young friends) from accidentally opening doors and/or gates that would allow your greyhound to escape? _____

Tell us what provisions you have, or intend to make, to keep everyone safe. _____

Heartworm is very deadly and common in this part of the country. Are you willing to keep your greyhound on preventative all year, as recommended by your veterinarian? _____

Greyhounds are not a breed suited to living outside. For many reasons, a retired greyhound needs (and wants) to live inside with its new family. They certainly enjoy time outside, but long periods alone, unsupervised, invite a whole host of problems.

Do you understand this requirement and agree that your greyhound will be an inside member of your family? _____

Greyhounds fresh from the track sometimes feel the need for the security of a training crate. We advocate the use of these crates when it appears the greyhound needs it, in order to learn the rules of home life and remain safe when unsupervised. Remaining comfortable with being in a crate is also helpful in the case of vet trips, boarding kennels, illness or injury, etc. Are you willing to buy and learn to use a crate to help your dog adjust if it seems to be required? _____

YOUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please list a Veterinarian that we may contact as a reference:

Clinic Name: _____ Vet Name: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Length of time you've used this vet: _____

OR

We don't have a vet reference because: _____

Representatives from our organization plan informal Welcome Visits to your home, prior to placement of the greyhound, to help you evaluate possible dangers or concerns for your hound. These visits are always arranged at your convenience and take place once your application is approved and your Greyhound has been chosen in order to deliver your hound and to make sure that all parties are comfortable.

Are you willing to allow a representative of our organization to plan an informal Welcome Visit in your home prior to placement of the greyhound? _____

How long will your greyhound usually be expected to remain alone each day? _____

How does your job affect the time spent away from home? _____

How will you provide your greyhound with 'potty breaks' and exercise?

Access to a fenced area. What kind/how big? _____

We will walk on a leash

Other. Please describe: _____

Please share any activities or hobbies you enjoy, in which you hope to include your greyhound:

Does your home have any situations with which your greyhound will have to become comfortable, such as members with acute illnesses, allergies or physical limitations, very young active children, etc? _____ If yes, please describe: _____

YOUR HOUND

Have you already met or become interested in any of our dogs specifically? _____

If yes, please list name: _____

Please list any preferences as to age, color, or gender: _____

If you have any preferences as to age, color, or gender, please explain why these considerations would be important enough to guide your possible choices: _____

Often, special-needs (medical conditions, age, shyness, or past injuries) dogs are the hardest to place and we always wish to offer a chance for owners to consider giving them a forever home. Understanding that the final decision would always be yours (and will NOT affect your ability to adopt from GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption), would you be willing to consider adopting a greyhound that has special needs? yes no

If yes, which type would you consider: _____

GST's Sun State highly recommends reading/research before adoption, including "Greyhounds for Dummies" and "Childproofing Your Dog". Have you read any books or conducted any research to prepare for adopting your greyhound? _____

Describe the personality of your absolute perfect greyhound: _____

Is there a personality trait or habit that you simply CANNOT accept in a dog? _____

What sort of expectations do you have in the way a greyhound will impact your life, family and home? _____

Do you have any other concerns you would like us to address? _____

Please tell us if there is anything else about your home, family, lifestyle, or adoption needs that you'd like us to know: _____

THE LEGAL PART (Please read carefully)

In submitting this application, I am authorizing GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption to investigate any answers given on this form. I understand that in the interest of making the best placements possible, they have the right to deny any application or ask for additional information but will NOT use this information for any other purpose in order to protect my privacy. I understand that this document will become a permanent part of my adoption application record for GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption.

Signature

Date

GST's Sun State Greyhound Adoption would like to thank you for considering the adoption of a retired racing greyhound. Please call or email to sunstategreyhounds@gmail.com with any questions you may have while preparing this form.

Please mail printed applications to:

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- OR -

E-mail completed applications to: sunstategreyhounds@gmail.com