

# Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption

## Is A Greyhound Right For You?



Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption  
11247 Foley Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448-3389  
Questions? Call 763-754-9754

### **GREYHOUNDS AS PETS**

---

You may be surprised to know that retired racing greyhounds make wonderful pets. You might have thought them to be hyperactive, needing lots of exercise since they run like the wind. You might have thought they would be aggressive, since they spend their early lives in competition. Or perhaps you thought that retired racers were “all used up,” with only a year or two left by the time they finished racing.

Happily, all of these assumptions are untrue!

Greyhounds require no more exercise than other large dogs. Most greyhounds are perfectly content to spend time with their human companions – whether they are jogging or sitting on the couch watching television – and will adjust their activity levels to match yours. Like all dogs, greyhounds look forward to their daily walk. Retired racers do enjoy an occasional off-leash run in a completely enclosed (i.e., fenced) area.

Greyhounds are extremely companionable and social. They are good-natured dogs that have been bred to get along with other animals. They are used to being handled by humans and have been trained to walk on a leash. Retired racers adapt well to home life. They thrive in a home environment and settle in as if they have waited for it all their lives. Sweet, gentle, loving, clean, quiet, and smart – there aren’t enough adjectives to describe these wonderful animals!

Due to advances in veterinary medicine and increases in greyhound adoptions, these wonderful animals are living longer than ever before. Many retired racers live to be 15+ years old. You can anticipate many, many happy years ahead with your greyhound.

So why not adopt a greyhound now? Before you pursue adoption, there are two important things to consider: First, greyhounds *are* big dogs. True, they are *small* big dogs; graceful and sleek, they often curl up in tight balls when they sleep. They don’t have as much physical presence as other large dogs, but they are tall and have long legs! Second, greyhounds can never be allowed off-leash except in a fenced area. As ex-racers, greyhounds have been bred for one purpose: speed. They can reach speeds up to 45 mph, and when their attention is focused on an object ahead, even the best-trained greyhounds may not respond to your call. They can be out of earshot before you can even voice a command.



## **GREYHOUNDS AS PETS, cont.**

Living with a greyhound means you will always have a friend, a companion who will love you unconditionally. Every time you walk through your door you will be met with happiness and glee. You will have someone always willing to cuddle with you, content just to be by your side. But be prepared to meet many new people when you leave the house together – folks are fascinated by greyhounds and will bombard you with questions and lots of attention!

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GREYHOUNDS**

---

### *How old is the retired racer?*

The retired racers are usually between two and five years old.

### *How long do they live?*

With proper care, retired racing greyhounds will live twelve years or more.

### *What color are greyhounds?*

Greyhounds are many colors – brindle, blue, white, black, fawn, red, or a combination of these colors. The name “greyhound” is not derived from the color of the animal, but may have roots in Latin or Greek history.

### *Is there much difference between males and females?*

Other than size, not really. Males and females are equally calm, loving, and sociable.

### *How big are greyhounds?*

Greyhound males average 26 to 30 inches at the shoulder and weigh between 65 and 85 pounds. Females stand 23 to 26 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh 50 to 65 pounds.

### *How fast can they run?*

Greyhounds can run at speeds up to 45 miles per hour.

### *What do greyhounds eat?*

They usually eat four to six cups of high-quality dry dog food mixed with warm water each day. Crunchy dog biscuits supplement their diet and help keep their teeth clean.

### *Are greyhounds difficult to housebreak?*

At the track, greyhounds are “turned out” four times a day to relieve themselves. They have been trained to go outside and to keep their kennels clean. At home, the retired racer quickly learns that the house is the kennel and outside is where they go to relieve themselves. Frequent walks and use of a crate helps the greyhound adjust to home life.

### *How are greyhounds with kids?*

Greyhounds are calm, gentle dogs and make great companions for people of all ages. As with any dog, children should be taught to play nicely with the greyhound. No animal should be expected to tolerate painful treatment or constant teasing.

### *Do they get along with other pets?*

Greyhounds spend their racing lives in the company of other dogs. They are friendly and sociable by nature. Most greyhounds have never been around small animals, but with time and care they learn to accept other animals as members of the family. A small minority of retired racers has a high prey drive and need to live in homes without cats or small pets.

### *Do they make good watchdogs?*

Not really. Some greyhounds will bark at strangers, but that is usually out of excitement, not because they are aggressive. Their size may be intimidating to those who do not know them, however. Greyhounds are friendly and quiet, and not very threatening.

### *Aren't greyhounds high-strung and don't they need a lot of exercise?*

Not at all! They are among the most docile of breeds and form strong bonds with their families. Greyhounds are as active as their owners. Like other dogs, they enjoy a daily walk and the occasional opportunity to run, unleashed, in a *completely enclosed* area such as your backyard or a sports field. As racers they are sprinters and will need time to build up endurance for longer distances, just like people do.

### *Can greyhounds be allowed to run off-leash??*

Only in *completely enclosed* areas. Otherwise, *the greyhound should never be allowed to run off-leash*. The risk of injury or loss of the greyhound is just too great. (Leash laws also prohibit owners from allowing their dogs to wander off-leash.) Greyhounds are taught to walk on a leash at an early age and enjoy the exercise as well as the attention they receive from people who pass by.



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GREYHOUNDS, cont.**

### ***Will invisible fencing keep a greyhound in my yard?***

We do not recommend invisible fencing for your greyhound. When a greyhound hits the perimeter of your yard at 40+ mph, he or she will barely feel the shock and will just ignore it. The only thing on the greyhound's mind at that point is the squirrel in the yard across the street. Once beyond the fence, the greyhound is gone. (Also, invisible fencing does not keep other animals from entering *your* yard.)

### ***Can a greyhound be tied out on a lead?***

No. Greyhounds are not used to being tied up, and due to their quick acceleration, they can severely injure themselves when they come to the end of the tie-out.

### ***How do they tolerate winter weather?***

Greyhounds are indoor dogs. They cannot live in outdoor kennels. Because of their short thin hair and low percentage of body fat, they do not tolerate extended periods of exposure to extreme heat or cold. The greyhound gets through a cold winter the same way we do ... with the aid of a warm sweater or coat.

### ***How much does a retired racing greyhound cost?***

Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption requests a donation of \$225. This nominal fee covers neutering or spaying, dental cleaning, nail trimming, heartworm, tick borne diseases, and intestinal parasite testing, all vaccinations, a microchip, and a complete health exam. In addition, Northern Lights will provide you with your choice of collar and leash, and support from your **volunteers at Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption.**



## **THE HISTORY OF GREYHOUNDS**

---

The greyhound has deep roots in the history of the world. Evidence of the existence of greyhounds over 4,000 years ago is found in murals and paintings of dogs strikingly similar to the hounds we see today.

Greyhounds claim descent from the desert dogs of the pharaohs and Arab sheiks. These ancient dogs were held in high regard in the Middle East and were the companions of Egyptian and Arab princes. Etchings of greyhounds have been found on the walls of the tombs of ancient pharaohs. The pharaohs prized greyhounds both as pets and hunters. The Arabs, too, so admired the greyhound that it was the only dog permitted to share their tents (a high honor in nomadic tribes) and to ride atop their camels. The birth of a greyhound ranked second in importance only to the birth of a son.

Greyhounds are the only canine mentioned in Holy Scripture. In the writings of King Solomon (considered to be the wisest of the wise) greyhounds are described as one of the four mighty beings no one should go against (Proverbs 30:29-31).

Greyhounds were introduced in England just prior to the ninth century through the many conquests, crusades, and wars with Middle Eastern tribes. Their speed, agility, and keen eyesight made greyhounds highly prized as sporting dogs by British royalty. Canute enforced laws, which stated that only free men could own and hunt with greyhounds. These restrictions, enacted to keep poachers out of royal forests, became known as the "Forest Laws."

In the late 1800s greyhounds were imported to America to help farmers control jackrabbits and a growing rodent problem. Eventually, greyhounds became a source of great entertainment and greyhound racing was established in many sections of the United States. In 1921 the first successful greyhound track was opened in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Throughout history a number of prominent people have kept greyhounds as pets. Among those are Cleopatra, Queen Victoria, U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes, General George Custer, actress Bo Derek, and Roger Caras, President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



## LIST OF RESOURCES

---

For more information, check out these books at your local bookstore, pet store, or library.

*Adopting the Racing Greyhound*, by Cynthia Branigan, 1998. The definitive resource for people interested in adopting a retired racer.

*Retired Racing Greyhounds for Dummies*, by Lee Livingood, 2000. Covers all aspects of greyhound ownership with excellent training advice.

*The Complete Book of Greyhounds*, by Julia Barnes, 1994. An informative and thorough discussion of the breed.

*Greyhounds: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual*, by D. Caroline Coile, 1996. An excellent resource for owners of retired racing greyhounds.

*Playtraining Your Dog*, by Patricia Gail Burnham, 1980. A positive and fun approach to dog training from an owner of several greyhounds.

*The Reign of the Greyhound*, by Cynthia Branigan, 1997. A lively exploration of the greyhound's place in history.

*Racing Greyhounds: A History of the Sport of Greyhound Racing*, by T. Walsh

Got a computer? Try surfing the internet for loads of greyhound sites! A good place to start is *A Breed Apart* at [www.abap.org](http://www.abap.org)

Visit the Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption web page at [www.nlga-mn.org](http://www.nlga-mn.org)



## TRUST....A DEADLY DISEASE

---

There is a deadly disease stalking your dog. A hideous, stealthy thing just waiting its chance to steal your beloved friend. It is not a new disease, or one for which there are inoculations. The disease is called trust.

You knew before you ever took your Greyhound home that it could not be trusted. The people who provided you with this precious animal warned you, drummed it into your head. A newly retired racer may steal off counters, destroy something expensive, chase cats, but must never be allowed off his lead!

When the big day finally arrived, heeding the sage advice, you escorted your dog to his new home, properly collared and tagged, the lead held tightly in your hand. At home the house was "doggie proofed." Everything of value was stored in the spare bedroom, garbage stowed on top of the refrigerator, cats separated, and a gate placed across the door to the living room. All windows and doors had been properly secured and signs placed in strategic points reminding all to "CLOSE THE DOOR".

Soon it becomes second nature to make sure the door closes a moment after it is opened and that it's really latched. "DON'T LET THE DOG OUT" is your second most verbalized expression. (The first is "NO!") You worry and fuss constantly, terrified that your darling will get out and a disaster will surely follow. Your friends comment about whom you love most, your family or the dog. You know that to relax your vigil for a moment might lose him to you forever.

And so the weeks and months pass, with your Greyhound becoming more civilized every day, and the seeds of trust are planted. It seems that each new day brings less mischief, less breakage. Almost before you know it your racer has turned into an elegant, dignified friend.

Now that he is a more reliable, sedate companion, you take him more places. No longer does he chew the steering wheel when left in the car. And darned if that cake wasn't still on the counter this morning. And, oh yes, wasn't that the cat he was sleeping with so cozily on your pillow last night? At this point you are beginning to become infected, the disease is spreading its roots deep into your mind.



## **TRUST....A DEADLY DISEASE, cont.**

And then one of your friends suggests obedience. You shake your head and remind her that your dog might run away if allowed off the lead, but you are reassured when she promises the events are held in a fenced area. And, wonder of wonders, he did not run away, but came every time you called him!

All winter long you go to weekly obedience classes. After a time you even let him run loose from the car to the house when you get home. Why not, he always runs straight to the door, dancing a frenzy of joy, waiting to be let in. He comes every time he is called. You know he is the exception that proves the rule. (And sometimes, late at night, you even let him slip out the front door to go potty and then right back in.) At this point the disease has taken hold, waiting only for the right time and place to rear its ugly head.

Years pass – it is hard to remember why you ever worried so much when he was new. He would never think of running out the door left open while you bring in the packages from the car. It would be beneath his dignity to jump out the window of the car while you run into the convenience store. And when you take him for those wonderful long walks at dawn, it only takes one whistle to send him racing back to you in a burst of speed when the walk comes too close to the highway. (He still gets into the garbage, but nobody is perfect.)

This is the time the disease has waited for so patiently. Sometimes it only has to wait a year or two, but often it takes much longer.

He spies the neighbor dog across the street, and suddenly forgets everything he ever knew about not slipping outdoors, jumping out windows, or coming when called due to traffic. Perhaps it was only a paper fluttering in the breeze, or even just the sheer joy of running.

Stopped in an instant. Stilled forever. Your heart is broken at the sight of his still beautiful body. The disease is trust. The final outcome, hit by a car.

Every morning my dog Shah bounced around off his lead exploring. Every morning for seven years he came back when he was called. He was perfectly obedient, perfectly trustworthy. He died fourteen hours after being hit by a car. Please do not risk your friend and your heart. Save the trust for things that do not matter.

I would like to offer two additional accounts about the dangers of an unfenced area.

This first account is really a basic tragic accident, due to an improperly fitting collar. The owners actually had the dog on a lead, but unfortunately were using only a flat

buckle collar on the dog. The dog became frightened at something, and just backed out of her collar. She took off away from them at top speed. Before they could manage to even get close to catching up to her, she had run out onto a road, and was instantly killed by a car.

The second account involves too much trust and a lack of common sense. The owners lived somewhat out in the country. Their home was surrounded by woods and they were well off any major roadway. They had their new Greyhound about three weeks, when I got the phone call that I hate the most, "Our Greyhound is lost!" I knew these owners did not have a fenced yard, but they had sworn they would keep the dog on a lead when taken outdoors. Upon further questioning, I discovered that they quit using the lead after about the first week. The weather had gotten cold, and so early in the mornings they would simply turn her out the back door, wait for her to "do her business," then call her back in. "She ALWAYS came when she was called," the woman lamented to me. They felt it was safe enough to allow her off the lead for just short bits of time, as they didn't live near a high traffic road, and she had never ventured into the woods before. Unfortunately, the little Greyhound DID bound off into the woods this particular morning. Perhaps she heard a squirrel rustling in some nearby leaves, or smelled a rabbit, but whatever the reason, she had taken off into the woods, and they could not find her. Our hopes of finding her safe and sound faded a little more with each passing day, and no sign of the pretty little female Greyhound.

After several weeks, our worst fears were confirmed. We got a call from a very nice man who had been walking through the woods with his son when they discovered the still, cold body of a small, dead Greyhound. He got our number off her collar ID tag. She was found many, many miles from her home.

Why did she run off this time when she had been so reliable before? Why didn't she come racing back as she always had when her family called for her? Who knows? What we do know is that ultimately dogs will be dogs. No matter how much or how long you train and teach your dog, there may come a point where their instincts will win over learned behavior. Please don't be fooled into a false sense of security with your Greyhound. Take the time, make that little extra effort, to ensure your Greyhound will be safe. Remember, they are depending on you.



## **SUPPLY LIST**

---

The following is a list of supplies that you will need to make your new greyhound's transition to home life as smooth as possible. You will want to purchase many of these items before you bring your greyhound home.

**Crate (Indoor Kennel)** The extra large size is comfortable for most greyhounds. The crate should be made of plastic. The crate is necessary because it offers the security needed by the greyhound to transition from life in the racing kennel. Set up the crate before bringing your greyhound home. Keep in mind that he/she will want to be located where the rest of the family is most active if at all possible. The crate may be removed after a few months when your greyhound feels that he/she is truly a member of the family. Remember to think like a dog. When you tell him/her that you will be home later, he doesn't understand. The only way to communicate that message is to provide routine. The crate keeps him and your house safe during this confidence-building period. Many greyhounds think of their crate as their bedroom or den. It is a safe place where he can go to get a break from everything.

**Soft Bed** Preferably two beds. One bed for inside the crate and another for lounging close to the family. Greyhounds like to have a soft spot to rest. Beds are available from most pet stores. Old comforters or sleeping bags also work very well.

**6-Foot Leash** Each dog is given a Martingale collar and matching leash when they head for their new home. You may want a second leash as they always come in handy.

**Food** The food you buy is one of the most important decisions you may face. Your greyhound is now being fed a high quality dry dog food. If there are any special food requirements specific to your new pet, you will be advised of these at the time of the adoption. If not, the food that we recommend is Nutro Ultra. Not all greyhounds do well on every food. You may need to try a few quality foods before you find the one that is best for your greyhound. We only recommend quality foods like Nutro Ultra, because they are more easily absorbed. This means a better coat, less poop, and a generally healthier dog.

**Water and Food Bowls** Your greyhound should be given his own set of dishes so there is no confusion as to what is on and off limits. It also gives the dog a sense of belonging. They should be big enough to hold three to four cups of dog food or a generous supply of water that cannot be easily tipped over.

You may also want to purchase the following items, and some of these items will vary with the individual dog, such as toys or treats.

**Tooth Brush and Dog Toothpaste** Your greyhound's teeth need to be brushed twice a day. Daily tooth brushing means your greyhound's teeth will last a lifetime. The soft diet greyhounds eat while they race does not help keep their teeth in good shape. Brushing does. The time and energy you put toward brushing now may save you and your greyhound dental work later.

**Chew Bones and Toys** These items are an absolute necessity. The best chew toys for greyhounds are compressed rawhides. These provide hours of enjoyment and are safe for the dog. All rawhide should be American White Rawhide. Rawhide that is processed outside of the United States is sometimes cured with insecticides and chemicals that are poisonous to your greyhound. Never leave your greyhound alone with a rawhide because many of these dogs can chew a rawhide very quickly and choke on the small piece at the end.

Toys include everything from squeaky toys to Frisbees. If you get squeaky toys be sure to watch to see that the squeaker stays in the toy and that your greyhound is not chewing off little pieces that can be swallowed.

Stuffed animals are a particular favorite of most greyhounds. Again pay close attention to anything that can be chewed off and swallowed. Your greyhound doesn't care if his little stuffed friend has eyes or not. Be warned.... all stuffed toys seem to be fair game.

Providing lots of toys and chews for your new greyhound means there is less temptation to chew on items that should not be chewed on. He will soon learn which things are his and which things are "off limits."

**Treats** Greyhound treats should be items such as good quality dog biscuits. These include brands like Eagle, Iams, Milk Bone, etc. You should avoid treats that are artificially colored or coated. Don't let your greyhound talk you into more treats than what is healthy for him.

**Shedding Knife or Zoom Groom** Most greyhounds love to be brushed. Greyhound skin is very sensitive so use a gentle touch when grooming. The shedding knife is particularly effective at removing fur during the spring shedding season. The zoom groom is a soft rubber brush. A few minutes of brushing several times a week will keep your greyhound looking his best.

**Pooper-scooper.** Last but not least, a very handy item to have on hand.



## THE ADOPTION PROCESS

---

### **Step 1**

Read this entire information packet, *Is a Greyhound Right For You?*

### **Step 2**

Begin your own research to see if a greyhound is right for you. YOU MUST READ *Adopting the Racing Greyhound*, by Cynthia Branigan, or *Greyhounds for Dummies* by Lee Livingood. MEET a greyhound! Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption sponsors regularly scheduled events where you will have an opportunity to spend some time with these beautiful dogs. Call us and we will be happy to let you know where our next scheduled event will take place.

If, after your research, you would like to proceed with the adoption process...

### **Step 3**

Complete your attached application and return it to us.

### **Step 4**

We will call you and review your application with you. During this interview we will help you determine if a greyhound is right for your lifestyle and answer any questions you may have. We will set an adoption appointment with you at this time.

(Many of the greyhounds that are awaiting adoption are housed at the Foley Boulevard Animal Hospital when they are not living in foster homes. Please allow us to set up an appointment for you to view the hounds; the staff of the animal hospital is very busy caring for patients and just doesn't have the time to accommodate a "drop-in" visit.)

### **Step 5**

Come to the adoption appointment. This meeting usually takes about one to two hours and should be attended by everyone who will be living with the greyhound. (If you have another dog, please bring him/her with you, too.) You will meet the greyhounds that would be the best addition to your family. If you decide upon the adoption, the \$225 fee will be payable at this time. We accept cash or check.

### **Step 6**

Pick up your new greyhound! This usually takes about 45 minutes, during which time you will receive additional information and instruction. (This step may be combined with Step 5 if there is time and you are ready!)

### **Step 7**

ASK QUESTIONS! We are committed to helping you and your greyhound make a smooth transition. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns about your new pet. Our adoption representative will call you within a few days to see how you and your greyhound are doing. We maintain an ongoing system of support for all our greyhound adopters, staffed by knowledgeable greyhound owners.

### **Step 8**

Come join us! Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption is always looking for volunteers to help spread the word about greyhounds as pets and to help place greyhounds in adoptive homes. Staffing special events, acting as a foster family for a greyhound fresh from the track, writing for our newsletter, fundraising ...we need you!

---





# Companion Greyhound Adoption Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want a Greyhound as a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your veterinarian's name, address, and phone number (for reference)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously owned a dog?  Yes  No

What became of the dog(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever adopted a dog and then returned it?

Yes  No

If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you own a cat?  Yes  No

Indoor cat  Outdoor cat  Indoor/outdoor cat

5. What, if any, other pets do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of people in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Approximately how many hours per day will your Greyhound be home alone? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who will be primarily responsible for the care and training of your Greyhound? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Dwelling type: \_\_\_\_\_

Area type:  City  Suburban  Rural

If you rent/lease, do you have permission from your landlord to have a dog?  Yes  No

Landlord's name **and** telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have a fenced-in yard?  Yes  No

If not, is there a fenced-in area nearby for your Greyhound to exercise?  Yes  No

How will your Greyhound be exercised? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you willing and able to leash-walk your Greyhound for necessary functions?  Yes  No

12. Are you aware of the importance of keeping your Greyhound on a leash?  Yes  No

13. Greyhounds **must** live inside the home. They cannot be adequately kept in an outdoor kennel or doghouse. Do you agree to keep your new Greyhound inside your home?  Yes  No

14. Are you aware of the legal ordinances in your area pertaining to owning an animal (e.g., leash laws, required vaccinations, licenses)?  Yes  No

15. Are you willing to keep a collar with a tag bearing your name, address, and phone number on your Greyhound at all times?  Yes  No

16. Do you agree to **never** stake, tie, or bind your Greyhound to any stationary object?  Yes  No

17. Do you agree to **never** transport your Greyhound in the open bed of any vehicle (e.g., pick-up truck)?  Yes  No

**OVER**



18. Do you agree to notify Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption if your Greyhound is lost?  Yes  No

19. If, for any reason, you cannot keep your Greyhound, do you agree to return it to Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption?  Yes  No

20. Would you be willing to respond to an occasional questionnaire about how you and your Greyhound are doing together?  Yes  No

21. Are you willing to accept immediate and full responsibility for the ownership of your Greyhound, including all health care costs and necessary burdens and responsibilities of owning a pet?  Yes  No

22. Do you have any preference regarding the age, gender or color of your Greyhound?  Yes  No  
If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

23. How would you describe your household (check all that apply)?

- Very quiet
- Rather easy-going
- Few visitors
- Rarely have children around
- Average family activity level
- Usually something going on
- Lots of activity
- Frequently gone in evenings or on weekends
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. In addition to regular home life, would you want your Greyhound to do any of the following?

- Jog with a family member \_\_\_\_\_ miles per day
- Go to obedience class
- Compete in obedience trials
- Compete in lure coursing trials
- Walk with a family member \_\_\_\_\_ miles per day
- Go to your place of business with you
- Be a playmate for your children
- Be a companion for your children

25. Please write any additional comments that would help us to understand you, a potential Greyhound adopter, better. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. How did you hear about Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption?

- Friend
- Meet & Greet (where?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Advertisement (where?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Publication (which?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Internet (which site?) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

27. Would you be interested in volunteering for Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption?  Yes  No

If yes, what are your volunteer interests? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### REFERENCES:

Please list 2 references that you have known for more than 2 years. Do not include family members or relatives. (Please print.)

#### REFERENCE #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

#### REFERENCE #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this Companion Greyhound Adoption Application. Upon receipt of your application, a Northern Lights Greyhound Adoption Coordinator will contact you to further discuss your desire to adopt a retired racing greyhound. Please return the application to:

**NORTHERN LIGHTS  
GREYHOUND ADOPTION  
11247 Foley Boulevard  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448-3389  
Questions? Call 763-754-9754  
Or visit [www.nlga-mn.org](http://www.nlga-mn.org)**