

## HOW DO I ADOPT?

Learn more about the characteristics of greyhounds and of sight hounds in general. The internet holds a vast amount of resources, start at [www.GPASaltLake.org](http://www.GPASaltLake.org) and then check some links from there. There are numerous books on the market as well. Call us at (801) 712-7800 for more information.

Understand the commitment you are making. Your greyhound will be a member of your family for possibly 10 years or more. There are ongoing costs in taking care of a dog. Call or check our website for more information.

GPA Salt Lake asks for a donation of at least \$195.00 toward our costs of getting the greyhound ready for you. This includes transportation from out of state, spay/neuter, vaccinations and any other necessary vet work, and any costs we may have incurred in caring for the greyhound until adopted. You will also receive a Premier® martingale collar with leash and an adoption packet filled with helpful tips, resources, and useful information about your greyhound.

Call or visit our website for more information and an adoption application.



## HOW CAN I HELP?

GPA Salt Lake relies on donations and the help of wonderful volunteers to accomplish our mission of placing retired racing greyhounds into loving homes and educating the public about these fantastic pets. There are many ways you can help!



Donations can be sent to:  
GPA Salt Lake  
P.O. BOX 520051  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84152-0051



Volunteer to foster a greyhound! Help to prepare the greyhound for "life as a pet" and to get to know his or her personality for potential adopters. Or maybe you're thinking of adopting one yourself, and would like to foster first just to be sure.



We are in constant need of services and supplies for dogs and for office materials and printing. Maybe you would like to help by allowing us to set up a donation jar or put brochures at your place of business. You can download and print flyers or brochures from our website and give them to your friends and coworkers. Maybe you have a love of sewing, art or other crafts and would like to offer your talents, or perhaps you'd like to organize or help at events where we can promote adoption. We're always on the lookout for great ideas and suggestions!



If you'd like to volunteer but aren't sure what you can do, visit [www.GPASaltLake.org](http://www.GPASaltLake.org) or call (801) 712-7800.



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PROUD CHAPTER OF  
GREYHOUND PETS OF AMERICA



Let a retired racing greyhound  
Race into your heart!

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## Did you know?

- ✘ Greyhounds have an average life span of 12 to 14 years. Careful breeding practices in the racing world mean that retired racing greyhounds have virtually none of the health issues that are common to most purebred dogs!
- ✘ The greyhound is known as the "45 mile per hour couch potato". Contrary to common belief, these dogs would rather be resting those lazy bones than racing around the yard. Greyhounds snooze upwards of 16 hours per day. A greyhound can sprint for up to 2 minutes reaching speeds over 40 miles per hour (WOW!), but after a workout like that he'll be wiped out for sure. To watch one run is amazing, but a nice walk or two each day is all it takes to keep a retired racer healthy and happy.
- ✘ Racing greyhounds are very well socialized and used to being handled by all different kinds of people. They love the company of other canines, although most have never seen a non-greyhound dog (or any other animal, for that matter) before. After a proper introduction, most greyhounds adjust very well to sharing their new home with all kinds of other animals. (Yep, even cats!)

- ✘ A greyhound can be a wonderful addition to a family with young children. They are not vicious dogs, and almost always choose "flight" over "fight" when they feel overwhelmed. But, like any dog, they have their limits. With children it is essential to teach both child and dog proper behavior and mutual respect toward one another. Greyhounds are not the kind of dog for "rough and tumble" play.
- ✘ Because of their gentle, clean and quiet disposition (they almost never bark), greyhounds can be the ideal pet for elderly people and for smaller homes and condominiums. For these same reasons most greyhounds won't make good watch dogs.
- ✘ Greyhounds are easy to train. They are intelligent and mild mannered dogs, who respond to the tone of your voice and to positive reinforcement. Since they are kennel trained during their racing life, it's easy for most to become completely housetrained with very few, if any, hardships for their new family.
- ✘ In full stride, a greyhound is in the air 75% of the time! They can reach full speed in just 3 strides. The only other animal that can accelerate faster over a short distance is the cheetah!
- ✘ There are 18 official greyhound colors, and all sorts of variances.



- ✘ GPA Salt Lake is proud to be a chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, the largest greyhound adoption organization in the U.S.A and the largest single-breed rescue in the world. Since they opened their doors in 1987, over 60,000 greyhounds have been adopted through GPA! Our goal is to see the day when 100% of adoptable ex-racers get a chance to find their forever homes. GPA Salt Lake's mission statement is to find loving, responsible homes for retired racing greyhounds and to educate the public about their fantastic qualities and availability as pets. ♥



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