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## Pre-Adoption Questionnaire and Remote Home Visit Form

Name of Applicant		
Address		
	Post Code	
Telephone number	Home	Mobile
E-mail address		
Greyhound provisionally chosen?		

For a Remote Home Visit please provide kennels with a Photo ID to prove Identity (Driving Licence or Passport) and a recent Utility Bill as proof of current address. Copies of both can be emailed to kennels. Also a short video of your garden (fences) and the areas of the home the dog will spend most time. This can be sent by email or whatsapp to 07760 440142

### EMPLOYMENT

Are you employed?  If yes, are you aware of the costs of keeping a dog? i.e. food, insurance, veterinary bills, initial outlay for beds, appropriate walking leads, coats, muzzle, dog walkers if needed etc	Y/N
If no, are you actively seeking employment?  Are you retired?  If not employed how do you plan to financially support the care of the greyhound? i.e. food, insurance, vet bills	Y/N  Y/N

Do you work from home?  If yes, please specify the type of work:	
If you are employed what are your usual working hours? Do your hours vary, and if so, please provide details, ie shift patterns, overnight stays?	
Do you have any other commitments that require you to be away from home?	
How long will the dog(s) be left alone for?  Work Day - Please include travel times to work.  Days off –  If working full time or out more than 4-5hrs at a time you will need to consider a dog walker or someone to let the dog out.	
Would you have any other support for the dog when you were at work i.e. a family member, friend, neighbour, hired dog walker?	

#### THE FAMILY/ HOME LIFE

Who is the greyhound for?	
Why is it the right time to adopt a greyhound?	
Any family members unsure about owning a greyhound? Why?	
How many adults are there in your household?	
Do you have any long-term health issues or special needs for the adults living in your household?  Are any of the adults in the house allergic to animals? What precautions do you have in place in case of allergies?	
Who will be the main carer for the dog?	

<p><b>How many children are there in your household and how old are they?</b></p> <p>We are extremely careful about rehoming greyhounds around children under 6yrs old. Not all greyhounds will be suitable to live with such small children. You will be guided towards appropriate dogs for children 6yrs and under.</p> <p><b>Are the children used to dogs? Are any of your children nervous of dogs? If yes, how do you plan to overcome this?</b></p> <p><b>Do they have any relevant allergies, special needs?</b></p>	
<p><b>How have your children been involved in the care of any previous family pets?</b></p>	
<p><b>Are there any children that visit your household, if so, how old are they and how often do they visit? Are the children used to dogs? Are the children nervous of dogs? If yes, how do you plan to overcome this?</b></p> <p><b>Do they have any relevant allergies or special needs?</b></p>	
<p><b>Is there someone nearby who could help with the greyhound in an emergency or if the owner became ill?</b></p>	
<p><b>Do you plan to move home in the next 6 months or plan any other major changes to your family life such as pregnancy?</b></p> <p><b>Do you have any holidays or periods away from the home, booked in the next 6 months? If so, when, and what will you do with your dog?</b></p>	

#### YOUR PROPERTY

<p><b>Do you own your Property?</b></p>	
<p><b>If no, have you checked that you are allowed a dog (or the total number of dogs you will be allowed) under the terms of your tenancy agreement?</b></p>	

<p>We require written proof from your landlord or housing association that you are allowed a dog.</p>	
<p>What type of property is it? House/Flat/Bungalow/Town House etc</p> <p>Describe the Location of your property: e.g. is it near a busy road, or countryside, or a town?</p> <p>You will be asked to email a video of the areas in the house your dog will have access to. Ensure that floor coverings and doors are visible.</p>	
<p>If the property is a flat, which floor is it on, and is there a lift?</p> <p>Most greyhounds do not know how to do stairs and will need to be taught or potentially carried up and down the stairs until they are confident to do it unaided.</p>	
<p>Please describe the garden/outside space and access available.</p> <p>What is the fence type and height (is it a solid fence or could a dog see through it?) Is it secure?</p> <p>Do you have glass patio doors or glass doors in the home?</p> <p>If yes you MUST screen the bottom third of the door so that your greyhound knows the door is there. Decals and frosted or patterned films are available on the internet or masking tape can be used.</p> <p>You will be asked to provide a video to show a 360 degree clear view of all areas of your garden including side returns, gates, gaps down the side of sheds or summer houses, patio doors etc. Guidance will be given by kennel hands for videos.</p> <p>Does the garden have visiting cats?</p> <p>Are you aware that you will need to muzzle in the garden initially to allow visiting cats a chance to reroute safely as greyhounds are fast enough to catch a cat if that way inclined?</p>	

## PETS

<p>Please provide details of any pets you have (species, breed, age, etc):</p> <p>If you have a dog/dogs, what is their:</p> <p>Name/ Breed/ Sex/ Age:</p> <p>Neutered: Y/N</p> <p>Vaccinated?</p> <p>Is your dog used to other dogs visiting the home or have they ever lived with another dog?</p> <p>How is the resident dogs with people and other dogs?</p> <p>If you have a cat, have they ever met, or lived with a dog before? Please provide details.</p>	
<p>If you have pets please provide the contact details of your vet, ie name, address, telephone number:</p>	
<p>If no previous pets which Vet would you register your greyhound with?</p> <p>Are you aware of specific clinical differences in greyhounds such as differences in blood work, larger heart due to being athletes and other Greyhound Specific idiosyncrasies?</p>	

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

<p>What sort of temperament are you looking for?</p> <p>What do you require in the dog you are looking for? E.g. needs to get along with other breeds, walk well due to medical needs, be ok with visiting grandchildren or visiting dogs etc.</p>	
<p>Have you ever homed a greyhound from the Greyhound Trust before, or any other greyhound specific organisation/charity?</p>	
<p>Have you, or anyone in your household, ever been banned from keeping any animal?</p>	
<p>Have you ever been rejected by an animal charity as a home/foster for a dog? If so, why?</p>	

<p>Have you ever had to return a dog to Greyhound Trust, Other Rehoming Centre or Breeder? What were the circumstances surrounding the return?</p> <p>Please be honest.</p> <p>This will not exclude you from homing a dog from us but will help us find the right dog for your circumstances.</p>	
<p>What previous experience do you have with dogs (other than any existing pet) and, specifically, greyhounds? If no experience with dogs or greyhounds have you researched the breed?</p> <p>Please tell us about any previous/current pets and if you had any problems with pets before? How did they resolve them?</p>	
<p>What arrangements would you put into place for your dog(s) – ie sleeping arrangements – where and on what?</p> <p>Where will they be fed? Recommend raised feed stand.</p> <p>What areas of the house the dog(s) will/won't have access to?</p> <p>Have you got an area in your home which can be used as a safe space for your dog, if needed?</p> <p>Some greyhounds do not like thunder and fireworks and like a safe space to hide.</p> <p>How much exercise will the dog(s) get and where?</p> <p>(Recommend 2 x 20 mins twice a day and build up tolerance and stamina for longer walks. Advise against off lead exercise unless in secure fully fenced area depending on any previous race injuries)</p>	
<p>Will the dog live indoors as part of the family?</p> <p>Where will the dog(s) go when you are out of the house?</p>	Y/N
<p>What transport do you have access to, and would you be able to utilise it for a dog – i.e vet / branch visits for nail clipping / socialisation visits/ days out?</p> <p>Do you have a suitable method to safely transport a dog, i.e. dog guard?</p> <p>It can invalidate your car insurance if your dog is not safely transported. Behind a dog guard is best as greyhounds are too leggy to comfortable be attached by harness on back seats.</p>	

<p>Sometimes through no fault of their own, a dog may take a while to settle in and show some of the following behaviours:</p> <p>Toileting in the house  Chewing furniture/personal belongings  Play biting/mouthing  Withdrawn/Timid  Barking/whining</p> <p>How would you handle these behaviours and are you prepared to work with the dog to overcome the problem?</p> <p>Would you be prepared to take your dog to training classes, consult kennels for advice or consult advice from a qualified behaviourist?</p>	<p>Notes:</p>
<p>Are you aware of the special responsibilities of owning a sighthound that may have been trained to chase? and are you prepared to use a muzzle if required?</p> <p>(All our greyhounds must go home with a muzzle and you are requested to use it out walking until your dog is fully socialised with other breeds of dog)</p>	

We offer lifetime back up. If for whatever reason you can no longer care for your greyhound or need assistance, please contact us and we will ALWAYS take the dog back into our care or provide support if we can. There is also a £250 non refundable donation fee to adopt a greyhound from us.

**DECLARATION:**

I declare that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Adopter) Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_