

Who to contact...

The Texas Greyhound Association supplies grants and assistance to the following Greyhound Adoption Agencies in Texas. There are others in the state and around the country, that we also work with in conjunction with the National Greyhound Association, greyhound race tracks and others. When considering a greyhound we suggest you visit where the dog is being housed and spend some time with the greyhound. Before committing to a long term relationship with all household members, take your time and find the right greyhound for you and your family. Best Wishes and enjoy years of pleasure from a wonderful animal.



Gulf Greyhound Park Adoption Agency

1000 FM 2004; La Marque, TX 77568

(409) 986-9500 Ext. 2108

www.gulfgreyhound.com

Greyhound Adoption League of Texas (GALT)

P O Box 680; Addison, TX 75001-0680

www.greyhoundadoptiontx.org

Greyhound Pets of America—Central Texas

P O Box 10069; Austin, TX 78766

www.gpacentraltexas.org

Hill Country Adoption

P O Box 543; Seguin, TX 78156

(830) 303-2229

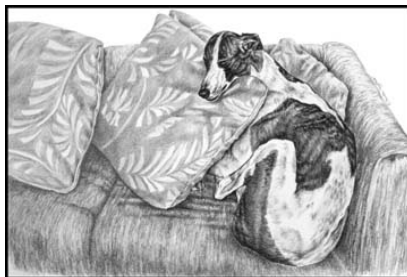
www.hillcountrygreyhounds.com

OR you can contact the TGA for assistance.

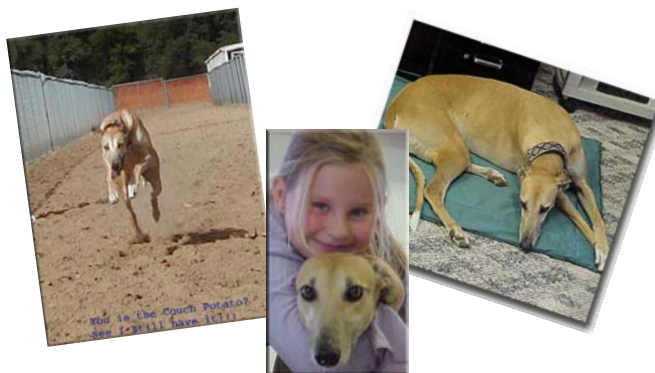


These are only a few of the reputable agencies in Texas. You may also visit the National Greyhound Association website for additional agencies.

www.networksplus.net/nga/howadopt.htm



www.pawplace.com/nrc_couchpotato.jpg



Meet the TGA mascot—*Mysti*.

Mysti retired from Corpus Christi in the summer of '04 and Lois, of the TGA office, fell in love with her. Mysti is 4 years young and although she appears to be the ultimate couch potato at the office, when given the opportunity to run she still has it. From racing queen to sleeping beauty, Mysti is a wonderful friend and companion.



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ADOPTING A RETIRED RACING GREYHOUND...

Are you thinking about adding to your family? Just like any other major step in your life you need to get the facts and do some homework. You don't buy a car without knowing all about its capabilities and needs first, so why adopt a retired racing greyhound without knowing what to expect? We are here to help.

The Texas Greyhound Association is the state's official breed registry and is governed by the Texas Racing Commission. We are concerned with the encouragement of breeding, training, racing and strongly concerned with the humane care of greyhounds. We are happy to assist our members and potential members in their endeavors in the greyhound industry, as well as those of potential new homes for the retired athletes.

TGA works with several well known adoption agencies in Texas and around the country by providing money through grants, helping find homes for the retired dogs and making sure that all greyhounds are treated humanely. Greyhounds are considered to be one of the most beautiful and graceful dogs and their history goes back thousands of years. Deemed as royalty in many nations throughout time, they are wonderful companions and friends as well as the fastest dog on earth.

Kings, Queens and Noblemen admired these dogs for many reasons: their strength, speed and grace, just to name a few. Greyhounds were the only animals allowed in many living quarters for centuries. Greyhound racing became popular in the early 1900's with the invention of the mechanical lure. These animals love to run, which was discovered by Kansas farmers who originally imported them to reduce the rabbit nuisance. When you get to know them, you quickly realize they run for the sheer love of it and will chase virtually anything. Greyhounds make excellent house dogs and lifetime companions. They are also known as the Couch Potatoes.

How to adopt & what to expect:

In most cases, the retired greyhound available for adoption is between 18 months and 4 years of age. Either they never had a career or their career has ended for a variety of reasons.

Greyhounds are extremely social animals, very loving and generally very relaxed; however, each—just like humans—has its own personality. Some will be very well suited to a busy household, some may not be small animal, child or cat tolerant, some may not keep these things in mind when considering which greyhound to take home.

Any greyhound that is adopted from a reputable adoption agency will be neutered and healthy. Any special medical needs will be disclosed.

Greyhounds ARE lean animals built by nature to run, this means they have very little body fat. They are fine-haired and do not like extreme heat or cold. You ARE supposed to see some of their bone structure—it is their body make up. While in the racing / training mode of their lives, greyhounds eat a rich mixture of meats and proteins. However, when retired, they do well on regular, quality dog food, whichever your veterinarian recommends.

Because greyhounds do love to run *and chase things*, a fenced in yard and a leash are generally required by most agencies to protect the greyhound.

Greyhounds are used to being crated and generally are easily housebroken. If coming directly off the race track this will take a little bit of time; if you are adopting from an agency, their foster parents have taken care of that training. However, as with any living creature, changes can bring on back-sliding in good and bad habits.



Meet Reno, one of many interesting stories. You see, Reno is from a prominent litter and her owner had high hopes for her and her brothers. High hopes, that is, until they discovered Reno was diabetic. Now I know you are thinking, "Oh my goodness". Well, yes, but greyhounds can live rather easily with diabetes. With the proper care and nutrition and one insulin injection daily, Reno can live a normal life. She could even have had a racing career, but the owner thought not. A wonderful couple that raises and trains greyhounds, one a diabetic, pleaded with Reno's owner to let them have her. Reno is a very happy and well adjusted greyhound in her new home environment, with her goat and Italian greyhound companions.



Greyhounds prove on a regular basis they are just like any other house dog....SPOILED ROTTEN!

