



# Texas Greyhound Association

*Representing the Greyhound Breeding and Racing Industry in Texas*

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## **Policy for Outside Adoption Groups at Corpus Christi**

Due to the closing of Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track as of December 31, there will be many greyhounds available for adoption. The security and welfare of the greyhounds is the highest priority, as well as consideration of the property rights of greyhound owners and responsibilities of greyhound adoption groups. Accordingly, the TGA, in cooperation with the Corpus race track and subject to the oversight of the Texas Racing Commission, has established a policy for the placement of greyhounds with adoption groups outside the official adoption kennel on the compound to ensure the greyhounds are dispersed in an orderly fashion.

Greyhound adoption groups are encouraged and welcome to take greyhounds from the adoption kennel or individual kennels for their groups for placement.

All greyhounds going into adoption must be processed and cataloged through the official adoption kennel. The process includes identification, photograph, owner notification and release documentation. The greyhound may return to its original kennel after processing, if desired, under the control of the individual kennel owner. Once the greyhound is relinquished by the kennel to the official adoption kennel, the kennel owner is no longer responsible for the greyhound.

As greyhounds come into the adoption kennel for placement, they will be scheduled for their vet work including spay/neuter and micro-chip. After the greyhound's medical procedures are completed and the greyhound is doing well, it will be available to move to an adoption group.

If the adoption group takes the greyhound from another kennel after its initial processing, or before its medical procedures through the adoption kennel, it is the responsibility of the greyhound adoption group to provide proof of spay/neuter and micro-chip identification number to the TGA within 30 days.

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Kennel operators are aware that a disposition form must be completed before a greyhound is permitted to leave the kennel compound. The Disposition Form now includes verification that the owner has released the greyhound. This verification must come from the TGA in the official adoption kennel during its initial processing.

Greyhounds may be selected from the website [www.txgap.org](http://www.txgap.org) . Requests for specific greyhounds will be honored on a “first-come, first-served” basis via e-mail [hcga@swbell.net](mailto:hcga@swbell.net) to ascertain time and date. Pickups must be scheduled 24 hours in advance to accommodate the adoption kennel operator and the race office for the completion of the Disposition Form.

While this system is new for most of the groups, we are confident that they understand the necessity for policies to provide security for the greyhounds leaving the track. Through this system, we will be identifying all the greyhounds going into adoption, ensuring that owners are notified and verifying the greyhounds’ destination for follow up. If you have a specific concern, please contact Diane Whiteley at the TGA at 254-857-4377 (office) or 254-855-7566 (cell).

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