

Incorporated in the State of Florida

The Articles of Incorporation for Greyhound Ranch Adoptions, Inc., a Florida non-profit corporation was filed on July 18, 2003, with the State of Florida Department of State.

Our Purpose

The fundamental mission of Greyhound Ranch Adoptions, Inc. is the preservation of greyhound lives, the permanent placement of greyhounds in adopting households, and the education of the public regarding the characteristics of the greyhound breed, the history of this companion and hunting animal, and the training of a volunteer staff in canine retrieval, health-care, foster-care, and educational endeavors. We at Greyhound Ranch Adoptions, Inc. focus on providing shelter and medical care for greyhounds retiring from racing activities. Through our foster-care program, these beautiful canines make the transition from the life of regimented trained athletes to household pets in preparation for adoption to qualified homes. Please stop by and visit our volunteers and greyhounds at the next "meet & greet" event in your community.



Adopting a Greyful Greyhound

Thank you for considering adopting a retired racing greyhound. Your life will be greatly enriched by the unconditional love a greyhound can offer. By nature they are a calm, gentle, and affectionate companion dog that can spend the day on their pillow bed snoozing and in a flash dash off to the backyard to run a few laps at top speed. You will discover that they can be the fastest couch potato you will ever meet!

As a non-profit organization that subsists on donations, we have a modest adoption fee which helps to offset the cost of sterilization, teeth cleaning, vaccines, heartworm testing, fecal exam, microchip implantation, flea and heartworm prevention protocol, and boarding. When a greyhound leaves for its new home, the dog receives a bath, ear cleaning, pedicure, and a new nylon sight-hound safety collar and leash set.

Adoption Process

Greyhounds are adopted by application only. Adopting families must agree to keep the dog as an indoor pet. Greyhound Ranch Adoptions, Inc. is committed to each dog in the program for its entire life. Therefore, if there is ever a need for an adopter to give up a greyhound, it must be returned to our group.

You may select a greyhound from the dogs available in our program or identify the characteristics of the dog you want and we will search through our network of greyhound adoption groups for an ideal match. One of our representatives will contact you to schedule a home visit with the greyhound you have selected. For assessment purposes, all household members including animals must be present during the home visit. And, an adoption contract will be completed at the time of placement.



Sheltering Retired Racing Greyhounds

~ full adoption service ~

*Explore the paws-abilities!
There is a greyful greyhound waiting
to wrangle your heart-strings!
Add a new pawdner to your homestead!*

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Visit our web sites or greyhound listing at:

<http://www.greyhoundranch.org>

<http://greyhoundranch.petfinder.com>

<http://adopt-a-greyhound.1-800-save-a-pet.com>

<http://www.pets911.com>

The Majestic Greyhound

Greyhounds have a long rich history as a loyal companion, hunting, and racing dog. The greyhounds were once honored, exalted, royal companions of Egyptian pharaohs and European kings and nobles. They were the only dog written about in the Holy Bible and their figures adorn many paintings and tapestries of antiquity.



Greyhound Facts

Greyhounds are sight-hounds and are motivated by what they see. They normally see half a mile away. Most greyhounds have a strong instinct to chase, so they must never be off a leash except in a fenced-in area. They are powerful sprinters and should never be tied up outside because the dog will break its neck if it decides to bolt and run. Also, an electric fence and shock collars should never be used.

For the health and happiness of your dog, never leave a greyhound alone for more than 8 hours. A greyhound is in the habit of going outside at least four or five times a day to relieve itself and exercise mildly.

Most greyhounds living in a home eat approximately 3-4 cups of premium dog food a day. Ideally, the food is divided into morning and evening meals. Many families cook healthy stews for their dogs and reduce the amount of dry food thus adding nutritious meat or chicken and vegetables to the diet. Typically, males will eat a little more than females. Vitamins and food supplements such as glucosamine, chondroitin, and MSM, offer health benefits for these retired athletes.

Greyhound Muses & Tidbits

Greyhounds rarely bark and are not territorial by nature. As a rule, they do not make good watch dogs, most tend to be too people friendly!

The greyhound has a wonderfully tolerant and sweet disposition. They are gentle, calm, affectionate, and observant – they keep track of their family members (*usually from the prone position*). Greyhounds are very social animals and thrive on the companionship of people and most enjoy the company of other dogs or animals in the household.

Vital statistics: The life span of a greyhound is 12 to 15 years. A male is about 26-30 inches high at the shoulder and typically weighs 65-80 pounds. The female stands 23-26 inches high at the shoulder and usually weighs 50-65 pounds.

Low maintenance grooming is a real drawing point for this breed. The greyhound sheds minimally and only needs to be bathed when dirty. The greyhound does not have an undercoat or layer of fat, so they do not produce a bodily smell like other dogs.

Because greyhounds have very little body fat and one layer of hair, they can not tolerate extreme temperatures and must live indoors. Greyhounds must never be kept outdoors in a dog house or garage.

A soft bed is essential, whether it be a pillow-type dog bed, a cushioned mat, a couch, or a comforter in a large cozy dog crate.

Our Directors

Leslie K. Woliner, *President*
Richard M. Ornstein, *Vice President & Treasurer*
Linda Emerine, *Secretary*

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I am interested in volunteer opportunities:

- Name _____
- Mailing Address _____
- City _____ State _____ Zip _____
- Telephones: *day* (____) _____ *evening* (____) _____
- e-mail address: _____
- My contribution to help with the rehabilitation and medical expenses for retired racing greyhounds is enclosed: \$ _____
- help with greyhound "Meet & Greet" community events
 - organize or host a fund-raising event
 - sponsor a medical procedure (spay, neuter, broken leg)
 - transport greyhounds to and from vet appointments
 - foster-care for a greyhound (*sight-hound experience preferred*)
 - foster-care for a broken leg or special needs greyhound
 - transport greyhounds to other adoption groups

Greyhound Ranch Adoptions, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax deductible.

Thank you for sharing your time, resources, and love with these grey gentle canine companions! *Greyfully*, Leslie Woliner, *President*