

Type of Website: Animal Adoption

Name of Website: The Greyt Rescue: Goldsboro Greyhound Adoption Center

HOME:



From racing on the track to retiring in our home and hearts. Since 2000, The Greyt Rescue has rescued, fostered, and found forever homes for many of retired racing greyhounds in the Southeast North Carolina.

About Rescued Greyhounds: The hidden gem of the dog world. Adopters will get a best friend for life and the unconditional love that only a well-matched rescued dog can give. [Learn More](#)

About the Greyt Rescue: We are committed to rescuing and rehoming retired racing greyhounds one couch at a time. [More About US](#)

Join the Greyt Rescue: Your support is vital to our efforts. Donations and volunteering are some of the ways you can help. [Join us.](#)

COVID-19 RESPONSE:

We are only accepting applications online and will be adhering to social distancing guidelines. Family and dog initial visit in the application process will be conducted outside. Our weekly Sunday lunch meetups have moved virtually.

Featured Greyhound

Pink



[See All Greyhounds Available.](#)

The Greyt Rescue Community.

Events:

Fall Event: Halloween Costume Contest, Fun Run & Raffle

Saturday October 31

1-4PM

Neuse Cliffs Park

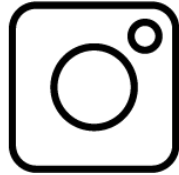
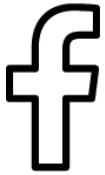
[The Greyt Rescue Blog and Newsletter](#)

Keep up to date with events, new rescues, adoption, and tips and ways to connect and help.

Email Address:

First Name:

Last Name:



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ABOUT:

Program:

Our organization is run exclusively on donations and the efforts of dedicated volunteers to accomplish our mission of engaging and educating our communities about the need for greyhound adopters, to facilitate the adoption of retired racing greyhounds and, as an extended group across North Carolina.

When a greyhound's racing career has come to a close, they are looking for a loving “forever home”. These amazing, beautiful dogs are ready for a home life; much of their daily routine at the track translates well into life as a pet. They are eager to please, romp and of course lie down for a nap.

The Greyt Rescue is not a kennel. We utilize foster homes for our dogs.

Consider yourself invited to our events such as our regular "meet-and-greets", where greyhounds and their adopters can come together to socialize and educate others on the joys of greyhound adoption.

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Process: Kennel to Couch

The racing industry is under the jurisdiction of the US Department of Agriculture. They inspect kennels, farms and racetracks on a regular basis. Any violation goes on record and citations given. A trainer can lose their license for violations and the kennel can be shut down. Each dog is assigned a registration number which is tattooed on their ears. This number is used to track the dog throughout its career up to and including retirement and adoption. No dogs can “go missing”. Track vets examine each dog before each race. Tests are done before a race to check for the presence of any illegal substances. After races, dogs are cooled by pool or hose bath, and massaged in the same manner as that of professional human athletes.

Dogs are retired for pet life once it is determined that they are no longer competitive or sustain injury. Ninety-eight percent of ALL racing greyhounds are adopted. There is NO other breed that can state this fact and prove it.

In summary, racing greyhounds live the life of any professional athletes. They have a very socialized, schedule life loaded with consistency, nutritional food and conditioning. They are well bred, cared for, loved and retired.

We ask you to respect our procedures. Do not focus on any one particular dog. We want to be able to show you dogs who may fit your profile.

We evaluate all of our greyhounds' temperaments, which means we check compatibility with kids, cats and other critters. We also look at the dog's activity level and sociability factors.

It is going to be a long process but, in the end, hopefully good stories will emerge.

Going out the front door of the adoption kennel is literally the hardest task they will ever have to do. Learning to live alone in a home takes time. Learning the new surroundings takes time. We want you to keep in mind, while you are adopting a full-grown dog, you are still adopting a dog not entirely different from a puppy.

They have to learn stairs, basic commands and slick floors. They will need to learn the rules of your home and you will need to take time to teach your dog how to live in a house. Please keep in mind - it takes 3-6 months to train a racing greyhound how to navigate a track at 40 mph with 7 other dogs. It will take time for your new retired athlete to learn how to live responsibly in your home.

They are transferred from the racing track kennels to a foster home to get acclimated to retirement life for about a month. They are fostered by our trained volunteers, many of whom already have greyhounds through us. Learning from other retired greyhounds, they navigate how to behave and react to new environments and people.

We evaluate our potential adopters and you must be approved prior to adopting one of our beloved greyhounds. Every applicant is required to fill out an application. Someone will contact you within 24-48 hours to answer any questions you may have and briefly interview you.

After compiling information from you, the adopter, and comparing it to the list of available dogs in our facility, you will be introduced to a dog in at their foster home that match your criteria. This is one of the best ways to assure a proper fit for the needs of the dog and your family.



People:

Our staff is run by our amazing volunteers who donate time and skills to help rescue greyhounds. Find out how you can join.

We have volunteers who help transfer greyhounds from the racing kennel on the long road trip to North Carolina.

We have a network of 10 foster families that generously open their homes to help greyhounds learn their new retired lifestyle.

Our two main directors are Cindy and Greg who help facilitate the resources and volunteers to our effort of rescuing Greyhounds.

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ADOPT:

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ACQUIRE INFORMATION:

Get yourself acquainted with this unique breed by browsing our [information](#) page. Free feel to connect and contact us for any additional questions.

ATTEND EVENT:

Weekly Sunday lunches at the Rosewood Panera to connect with our greyhound community and experienced owners and their greyhounds.

Monthly meets and greets where you can meet fostering and adoptable greyhounds, talk to greyhound owners and ask questions.

Our seasonal events gather to celebrate our greyt community featuring an Egg Hunt, Beach Day, Costume Contest, and Holiday Parade. [Find out next event.](#)

APPLY ONLINE:

Ready to start the process? Fill out our [adoption application](#) which tells us more about you and your interests in greyhounds. Then, our adoption coordinator will follow up with you shortly.

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APPLICATION

Provided by Triangle Greyhound Society.

Application for Greyhound Adoption

**Please note you must be over age 25 to be considered for adoption.*

First Name

Last Name

Email

Address

Date of Birth

Preferred phone

Profession

Employer

Spouse/ Partner Name

Spouse/ Partner Employer & Profession

Spouse/ Partner Email

Will this be your first greyhound?

Yes

No

Are there children in your household?

Yes

No

Please list names and ages of all children in household

If none, enter n/a

Are there other pets in your household?

If you answered "yes" to above, please tell us about your current pets.
In which type of home are you currently residing? *
Tell us why you are interested in adopting a greyhound! *

Please list references for three people (including email and phone) who can attest to what a great greyhound parent you will be

Name of Reference #1

First Name

Last Name

Email for Reference

Phone of Reference

Name of Reference #2

First Name

Last Name

Email for Reference

Phone of Reference

Name and number of Vet practice you have used for present or previous pets (if applicable)

ABOUT GREYHOUNDS

Provided by Greyhound Triangle Society and Greyhound Adoption Center

Life of the Racing Greyhound

The racing greyhound starts its life living with its mother and siblings for the first eight to ten weeks of its life. After they are weaned, the litter is transferred to the juvenile kennels and lives together until a full 12 months of age. They live with their siblings and during this time learn pack socialization rules and how to communicate as dogs are meant to. As they continue to grow and mature, they are re-located to large runs where they run, play and condition their muscles and strength.

At twelve months of age, they start their racing training, and continue to live the pack life. They are schooled during the week and are returned to their community runs for relaxation and casual exercise.

Once they have begun their racing career, they have a very scheduled routine. They are schooled and exercised consistently during the week. They are turned out at least five times a day for exercise, socialization and other bodily needs for a period of thirty to forty minutes at a

time. The crates that they live in are 3 ft. by 5 ft and are larger than the commercial crates that are available for purchase by the public.

The Kennels they live in are temperature controlled. They are constantly being socialized with the trainers, kennel staff and vets. Kennels are often a family run operation and all members get involved in the daily chores of kennel life. Many of the kennel workers and trainers bring their children to the kennels during the day and the dogs are exposed to these smaller humans as well. The food that they are given consists of commercial grade beef (same beef that is used for commercial dog food), kibble, grains, vegetables and supplements. They are typically fed twice a day.

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ABOUT RESCUED GREYHOUNDS: FAQs

Is it true that rescued greyhounds make great pets?

Yes! Most greyhounds are quiet, clean, laid-back, easygoing and affectionate dogs. Contrary to what you might think, they don't zoom around the house, breaking furniture or crashing into walls! In fact, greyhounds are one of the best breeds of dog to choose as a companion animal and house pet (greyhounds are not suited to living as outdoor dogs). They adapt well to home life including apartment-living. Most are social with other dogs. Greyhounds can run fast when outdoors, of course, but most ex-racers are happy to saunter around the house and yard in your footsteps or curl up in a comfy spot for a snooze. They are big dogs with a small footprint. And they reward their new adopters with affection and a sense of trusting, deep companionship.

How big are greyhounds?

Greyhounds are considered to be a large-size breed of dog. Using height at the shoulder as a reference, male greyhounds stand 26-30 inches tall and weigh upwards of 65 pounds. Females stand 23-26 inches tall and weigh upwards of 50 pounds. They are big dogs with a small footprint, laid-back and quiet, happy to curl up in a comfy spot and relax.

Are rescued greyhounds already house-trained?

Greyhounds from racetracks are turned-out in groups and have developed a habit of relieving themselves outdoors. They are clean dogs by nature and know how to keep their living area unsoiled. These factors, combined with specific advice from a trained GAC representative at the time of adoption, help transition the newly adopted greyhound into life as a cherished and easily house-trained pet.

How are greyhounds with kids and other pets?

TGR has placed many greyhounds into families with children and other pets. Most greyhounds are great with kids, although, like any other breed of dog, even the gentlest greyhound has his limits if confronted with a child who is unruly.

Our Adoption Center experts evaluate every greyhound in the adoption program. Only greyhounds who like kids, and are gentle toward them, are placed in homes with children. We want the dog to be happy with his new family, and the family to be happy with their new greyhound.

In addition to screening greyhounds for "kid-friendliness" each dog is temperament tested around small animals, including cats and other breeds of dog.

Thousands of greyhounds have been successfully placed in homes with cats. TGR experts can even determine which greyhounds awaiting adoption are more likely to be okay with birds or even pet rabbits.

Why is there a need for greyhound rescue?

The greyhound racing industry produces a surplus of greyhounds every year and those that are not rescued are killed. TGR takes in ex-racing greyhounds (typically two to five years old), as well as seniors, puppies, greyhound mixes and non-racing greyhounds, ill or injured greyhounds, and those that are shy, challenging or otherwise may be overlooked or left behind. We keep all our dogs for as long as it takes to find the right home.

Do greyhounds need a lot of exercise?

The answer often comes as a surprise: No, they don't. In fact greyhounds are content to hang around on the sofa or their comfy dog beds most of the time. They do need *regular* exercise though, but probably less than most active breeds.

Regular walks are enough. After all, greyhounds are built for sprinting short distances, not for endurance running.



AVAILABLE GREYHOUNDS

Meet our adoptable hounds! If you are interested in adopting a greyhound, please visit our Adoption page.

Pink is a 4-year-old white female. She is not cat friendly but would fit in a quiet home with a couple ready to give her lots of attention.



Paint is a 4-year-old black male. He is not cat or small dog friendly. Paint needs to be in a home with another greyhound. He is large boy and would love a yard to run around in.



Sunny

She is 3 years old and arrived in February 2020. Sunny is lively and friendly with children. She would be a great addition to an active young family ready to play with her.



Henry is a 6-year-old male who just retired after years as a champion. He's ready for retirement with a loving family full of other furry friends to run around with.



VOLUNTEER

Ways to Support

Volunteer

The Greyt Rescue needs you! Volunteers are our lifeblood. A network of more than 200 people across Eastern North Carolina make our rescue and adoption programs work 365 days a year. We always need more help so there are plenty of ways you can find a role that fits your schedule and talents.

The biggest way you can help is by helping with our events or fostering. Those who are qualified can also help transportation of greyhounds from kennel to foster home. [Contact us](#) for your next opportunity.

Events

Our monthly meet and greets would love to have you help us. You'll coordinate and greet people interested in Greyhound adoption and help answer any questions. There's no better reward than a happy greyhound ready for pets.

Join the team to make our seasonal celebrations to run smoothly. Our volunteer team plans and facilitate the activities that make our events memorable for our greyhound community and dogs. Be a part of what makes the day so special and fun for everyone.

Foster:

Fostering includes providing a temporary, safe and secure home for the greyhound and your ongoing assessment to assist us in finding the right forever home for the foster. We will provide guidance and support to make your fostering experience rewarding.

The Greyt Rescue is a foster only program and relies on our foster families to bring a retired racer into your family for a period of time and assist with their transition to a smooth retirement. The majority of our foster dogs will be directly from the track and fostering helps the greyhound adjust to pet life before moving to their permanent home. Fostering can be a few days to a few months, depending on the dog's needs and suitable applications received for adoption.

Foster families are essential in the process of rescuing greyhounds. Fostering a greyhound involves helping the to learn the rules of a home and you will need to take time to teach a dog how to live in a house. Those who already have experience of owning a greyhound should consider extending their home to fostering. New greyhounds best adjust when they have a wise

buddy to learn from. Would you like to foster a greyhound with us? Click through to access our online application.

Donations

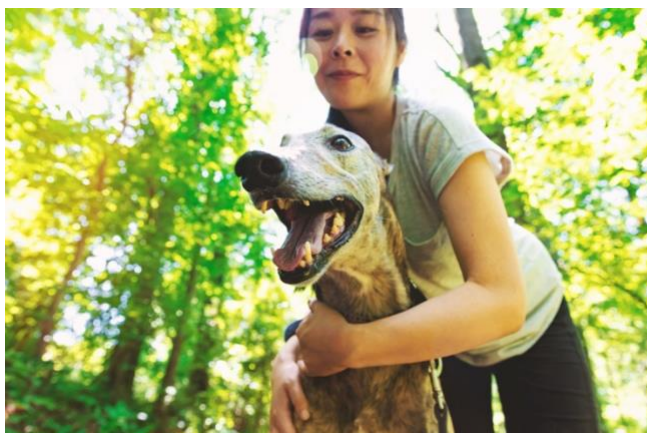
When you support The Greyt Rescue, your gifts help fund:

- Transportation from out-of-state kennels to the North Carolina area.
- Allow us to provide foster homes for greys until a forever home is found.
- Emergency medical or special care for hounds in need.
- Provide support for new grey owners.
- Educate the community about greyhounds

Donate in Honor Of, Or in Memory of a Loved One or Pet

You can make an "In Honor" donation to celebrate a special person, pet, or occasion. You can honor a birthday, anniversary, wedding, graduation, or other special event. You can make an "In Memory" donation for a loved one, your beloved Greyhound, or other beloved companion animal, or even for a friends beloved companion animal. What a thoughtful way to remember them. You will receive a thank you, and an acknowledgement will be sent to the person of your choice.

Donate Now.



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Newsletter

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SIGN UP WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EVENT UPDATES, AVAILABLE GREYHOUNDS,
GREYHOUND-RELATED NEWS & ALERTS

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First Name

Last Name

Email

Events

Fall Event - Halloween Costume Contest, Fun Run & Raffle

Saturday, October 31, 2020

1:00 PM 4:00 PM

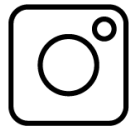
Join us at [Neuse Cliffs Park](#), Field #1, for our abbreviated fall event! Due to Covid, we will be practicing social distancing but still having a Halloween costume contest between 1 - 1:30 pm, then the raffle and having both a straight line run and a lure coursing run with our new equipment.

This is our main fund-raising event so please attend if you can and bid on all of the wonderful raffle prizes! Donations will be accepted for the run; we recommend at least \$10 per family.



Social

Follow us where we post the latest greyhounds available and share adorable pictures of our hound. Our community is engaged in answer questions and sharing advice.



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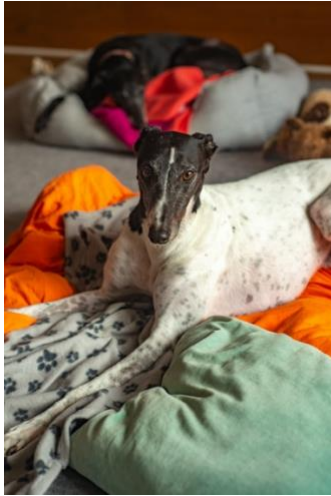
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- The adoption process begins with you filling out our online application below
- You'll be contacted by a Houndsavers placement representative for a brief telephone interview
- A home visit will be scheduled for meeting family members & pets, and to talk about what you're looking for in a greyhound
- Our experienced team will search for greyhounds that are a good fit for you and will schedule a visit to help you find a greyhound that you will love