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The Greyhound Retirement Specialists<sup>TM</sup>



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To Whom it May Concern,

Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) was established in 1987 as a 501c3 non profit organization with a mission of placing retired racing greyhounds into permanent homes. We have recently reached a milestone of over 100,000 placements, and are the oldest and largest greyhound specific Adoption organization in the world.

Our organization has achieved this pinnacle of success via our many chapters and over 7000 volunteers across North America, as well as networking with other reputable Greyhound specific adoption groups, with tracks, and with the National Greyhound Association (NGA.) TheNational Officers and our chapters are currently closely working with many reputable groups across the country to provide them with retiring greyhounds to fill their waiting lists, as there has been an increasing demand for ex racers over recent months and years. In fact, as Florida tracks wound down their operations in December, 2020, and all retiringracers placed, a significantvoid has remained of thesesociable greyhounds to the extent thatGPA chapters alone still reportnearly 200 waiting applicants, andmany other of the 150+ legitimate Greyhound specific adoption organizations are reporting even higher numbers of waiting lists for retiring pet greyhounds.

It is our firm belief, due to our boots on the ground handling of these Greyhounds from birth through retirement, via our presence on farms, training facilities, and racing kennels, that racingbred greyhounds have become such pet sensations due to their entire life experiences - not in spite of them. We will continue our mission, both now and in the future, in the same reliable and trustworthy manner as we always have, and we will continue to speak the truth regarding our firsthand experiences about their lives from farms to tracks to retirement homes.

Likewise, we will continue to support the responsible continuation and expansion of the sport of professional Greyhound racing.

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