



# TRAINER/OWNER ASSISTED ADOPTION

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### 1. WHAT IS A TRAINER/OWNER ASSISTED ADOPTION?

An adoption with trainer/owner recommendation is an adoption where the trainer has identified a potentially suitable home for a greyhound in their care and wishes to recommend that home for a greyhound being retired to GAP.

GAP endeavours to ensure that every greyhound is matched to a home that is suited to their personality and requirements. It may occur that a greyhound that a trainer has recommended to prospective adopter is unsuitable for its intended home. In this instance, the welfare of the greyhound is the priority.

### 2. WHAT COULD MAKE AN 'UNSUITABLE HOME'?

Some households are easier to match greyhounds to than others. Households with cats, very young children, small apartments, or families that are away very long hours, may require a specific type of greyhound to flourish. It may be that the greyhound suggested by the owner/trainer will not suit the intended household. If this is the case, GAP may suggest the interested applicant puts in a general application to increase their chances of finding a suitable match.



### **3. DOES THE GREYHOUND NEED TO BE RETIRED?**

As per GAP's usual entry requirements, the greyhound will need to be fully vaccinated and to have had its last race at least 30 days before entry to GAP. If your greyhound has raced within 30 days, GAP can just arrange for its entry once the 30 days has passed. The normal retirement process will commence once the greyhound enters the GAP program.

### **4. DO THESE GREYHOUNDS GET PRIORITY ENTRY INTO GAP?**

If the GAP team believe the greyhound to be a suitable match for the applicant supplied by the owner/trainer, they will arrange a day for the greyhound to come into GAP for its preassessment. The greyhound will be given priority entry (not immediate entry) as it will only need to stay at GAP for 5-7 days – the applicant will collect the dog in this time.

### **5. WHAT IF THE GREYHOUND ISN'T SUITABLE FOR THE HOME SUGGESTED BY THE OWNER/TRAINER?**

The greyhound will stay at GAP for the 5-7 days it takes for the Behaviour Assessment to take place. If it becomes apparent that the greyhound is not suitable for the home supplied by the owner/trainer, there is a chance the greyhound will need to be collected by the owner/trainer and returned to GAP once there is space.

### **6. WHAT IF APPLICANT SUPPLIED BY THE TRAINER/OWNER DOESN'T RESPOND OR COME TO COLLECT THE GREYHOUND?**

The greyhound will be returned to the owner/trainer.

### **7. WHAT IS THE TRAINER/OWNER ASSISTED ADOPTION FEE?**

The standard adoption fee at GAP is \$350. If the adoption is pre-arranged by a trainer/owner and is successful, the adoption fee is reduced to \$250.

### **8. I THINK I HAVE A TRAINER/OWNER ASSISTED ADOPTION LINED UP. WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

Please contact GAP on 9445 5399 or [GAP@rwwa.com.au](mailto:GAP@rwwa.com.au). They will go through the process with you.

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