



Greyhound adoption has become an amazing success story. Thanks to unprecedented cooperation and communication between greyhound racing and hundreds of dedicated adoption organizations coast to coast, more than 90 percent of all registered greyhounds are adopted or returned to the farm as pets or breeders when they retire. The goal is to achieve 100 percent placement of all eligible greyhounds in the near future.

Toward that end, greyhound tracks and industry organizations spend more than \$2 million annually on track-based and independent adoption efforts. Those managed by the American Greyhound Council include:

Adoption Grants

The AGC grant program offers assistance to local, regional and national adoption groups with some of the expenses associated with placing greyhounds in adoptive homes, including food, medicines, bedding, collars, leashes, and fuel for animal transport.

Each year, the AGC sets aside funds for grants to qualifying local adoption groups. Most grants are in the amount of \$1,250, with extra funds available for capital improvement grants and emergency situations. More than sixty organizations receive AGC adoption grants in an average year.

The AGC also dedicates funds each year to Greyhound Pets of America (GPA), the only nationwide adoption organization. With 54 chapters in 34 states, GPA has more than 10,000 volunteer members who find loving homes for as many as 4,800 greyhounds each year.

Adoption Hotline

Since 1990, the AGC has funded a national toll-free adoption hotline operated by Greyhound Pets of America. The hotline receives thousands of inquiries about adoption each year, and refers prospective adopters to the nearest adoption group. The hotline number is 1-800-366-1GPA (1472).

Adoption Events and Conferences

The AGC is an active sponsor and participant in greyhound adoption events and conferences around the nation, including the well-known Greyhounds Reach the Beach mega-gathering at Dewey Beach, Delaware; the Greyhound Pets of America annual adoption conference; the yearly Greyhound Expo hosted by R.O.A.R., Inc. in Massachusetts; and Race the Wind's Greyhound Gathering, held each year in Abilene, Kansas.

Adoption Training

To enhance the skills and knowledge of adoption volunteers, the AGC underwrites veterinary presentations at adoption conferences, funds production of training videos and distributes educational materials on greyhound health.

Adoption Program of the Year

The American Greyhound Track Operators Association (AGTOA) began recognizing the Greyhound Adoption Person of the Year in 2007, and the American Greyhound Council (AGC) took over the program in 2011.

In 2014, the AGC Board shifted the focus of the award from individuals to programs. The Greyhound Adoption Program of the Year Award (GAPY) recognizes two organizations each year for exceptional contributions to greyhound adoption. Each winning organization receives a \$1,000 contribution.

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