



# Greyhound Racing Supporting Adoption



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# Working together to fill a couch

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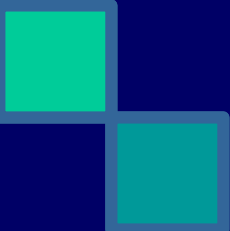



# Adoption Roots

- 1986 – GPA Formed
  - Adoption Pioneers
  - No politics, only the greyhounds
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# The perfect pet

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- Health
  - Socialization
  - Litter mates and mom – a natural education
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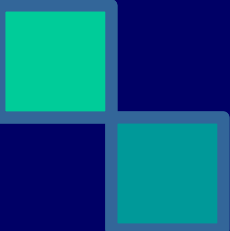



# Industry supporting adoption

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- Grants
  - Assist w/ financial support to local and national adoption efforts
  - Trailer to assist in movement of greyhounds
  - Funds national 800 adoption line
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# Industry welfare initiatives

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- Urges all members to work with adoption agencies
  - AGC through NGA conducts farm inspections
  - Funded the 1<sup>st</sup> and now 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Care of the Racing and adopted greyhound
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# Industry welfare initiatives

- In 1992 encouraged members to concentrate on quality and not quantity, in breeding of dogs.
  - Publishes information regarding adoption
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# Open doors – Spreading the word

- Many tracks have adoption information available, adoption volunteers on site promoting adoption during business hours.
  - Many hold picnics and other picnics, and other events on site.
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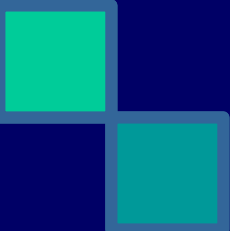



# Leave the politics to those in Washington

- \* Remain focused
  - \* Stop, drop, roll
  - \* Not all “Welfare” agendas are truly Greyhound welfare related
  - \* Actions speak the loudest
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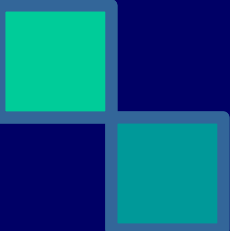



# Vision Statement

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- To adopt as many greyhounds into loving homes while working together with all those involved with the lives and care of the racing greyhound to promote welfare, and build bridges that promotes careers as loving pets when the race is over.
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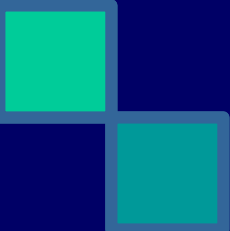


# Goal and Objective


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- Promote welfare
  - Promote participation in adoption effort
  - Promote open doors
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# Today's Situation

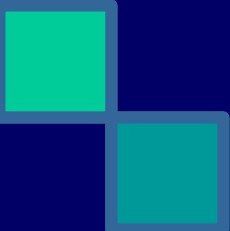



Today's racing greyhound has a better chance of continuing on as a pet than they did in 1986, those of us in adoption would like to think it was me me me, but with out Industry's involvement, we would not be on brink of history – 100% adoption





# How Did We Get Here?

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- Face to face meetings
  - Tackling difficult issues
  - Making Welfare a priority at meetings
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# Comments, complaints, geers

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- Thank you