

This agreement is to be read and signed by all Foster Carers prior to commencing. This Foster Care Agreement will apply to any Greyhound fostered by the carer and is subject to an individual Foster Care Plan (Schedule 1) provided for each Greyhound (any such additional Schedule will form a part of this Agreement from the date it is signed). This document is supplementary to the Volunteer Agreement.

## Foster Care Conditions

### 1. General

- 1.1 As a Foster Carer for Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) through its Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), I agree to take responsibility of all greyhounds in my care until the expected end date noted in the Foster Care Plan that applies to the greyhound(s). I understand that I am responsible for each greyhound's welfare and safety while it is in my care.
- 1.2 I agree to care for any greyhound I am responsible for to the best of my ability according to the advice and training I receive from GRV.
- 1.3 I understand that I may return a greyhound to GRV at any time, including where a greyhound displays negative behaviour beyond that described in its Foster Care Plan.
- 1.4 If I intend to return any greyhound before the expected foster end date, I will notify GRV of my intention to do so as soon as possible.
- 1.5 I understand that GRV may request that any greyhound be returned to GRV prior to the expected foster end date and I must comply with any request for the return of the greyhound.
- 1.6 I acknowledge that any greyhound in my care, as well as any equipment supplied to me, remains the property of GRV and must be returned immediately at the conclusion of the foster care period, or if this agreement otherwise comes to an end.
- 1.7 I agree to notify GRV of any changes in my details or circumstances that effect my work as a Foster Carer with GRV as soon as is reasonably possible. This includes details of other animals residing at my premises.

### 2. Responsibility

- 2.1 I acknowledge that GRV has considered my application to work as a Foster Carer and has made an assessment as to the suitability of the placement of each greyhound to be fostered by me based on the information provided by me, including details of my circumstances and living arrangements. I warrant that the information I have provided to GRV in my application is complete and accurate.
- 2.2 I acknowledge that although reasonable care has been taken by GRV to assess each greyhound's temperament and behaviour using the best methods and measures known to be available at the time prior to allowing the greyhound to be fostered, it is possible that a greyhound's temperament and/or behaviour may change at any time and GRV does not and cannot warrant or guarantee that no behavioural or health related incidents will occur after the greyhound is fostered.
- 2.3 I agree to carefully read, understand, and comply with the Foster Care Plan relating to any greyhound I foster, including any specific behavioural rehabilitation requirements relating to each greyhound. I will pay careful attention to the Foster Care Plan details, and specific behavioural rehabilitation requirements. of any greyhound that has displayed behaviour that has caused it to be unsuccessful in achieving eligibility for a GAP Green Collar. I will only agree to provide foster care to a greyhound if I am confident that I can safely care for the greyhound.
- 2.4 I am aware and accept that there is a risk that any greyhound may cause damage to my personal property, other pets, and humans. I am aware that all greyhounds must be securely housed at all times while in my care.
- 2.5 I agree to take full responsibility for each greyhound during its relevant foster care period and I release GRV and its staff, officers and employees from any legal liability arising out of or relating to any greyhound fostered under this Agreement or its conduct.

### 3. Compliance

- 3.1 I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with section 27(1)(a) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Vic) and the order exempting GAP greyhounds from the operation of that provision, and I understand that unless otherwise advised by GRV and stated in the greyhound's Foster Care Plan, any greyhound I foster pursuant to this Agreement is not exempt from wearing a muzzle and therefore must wear a muzzle in a manner which is sufficient to prevent it causing injury by biting any time it is outside my premises.

3.2 I understand that any greyhound in my care under this Agreement must be kept on a leash whenever it is taken into any public place, including leash free dog parks.

3.3 I agree that I will never have more than two greyhounds under my control when outside of my premises.

**4. Welfare**

4.1 I agree to keep all greyhounds in suitable conditions. This includes the provision of appropriate supervision and care for the greyhound, and necessary food, water, shelter, health care and enrichment.

4.2 I agree to advise GRV if any greyhound becomes sick, injured, or otherwise experiences difficulties at any time during the foster period.

4.3 I understand and acknowledge that GRV is responsible for the cost of any reasonably necessary veterinary treatment given to the greyhound during the foster period. I understand that GRV will only reimburse the costs of reasonably necessary veterinary treatment where GRV's approval has been obtained prior to incurring those costs, except in the circumstances described in clause 4.4.

4.4 I understand that if any greyhound needs emergency veterinary treatment, where practical I should contact the emergency Foster Care phone number provided to receive further instructions. If such contact is not possible, or the Greyhound's welfare is in immediate danger, the foster carer should seek treatment immediately from a qualified professional and retain any receipts of payment for provision to GRV for reimbursement. In this case, the foster carer should still contact the Foster Care Coordinator as soon as possible to provide and update on the Greyhound's welfare.

4.5 I agree to follow instructions provided to me by GRV staff in relation to a greyhound to the best of my ability, and as laid out in the Foster Care Plan provided for each greyhound.

4.6 If required, I agree to attend scheduled training and/or assessment sessions with the greyhound in my care. Any sessions required will be detailed in the Foster Care Plan.

4.7 I will provide reasonable access to the greyhound for inspection at any time upon request from GRV.

4.8 I agree that no greyhounds under my care will be used for experimental or research purposes, and warrant that I am not a dealer of greyhounds, nor the agent of a dealer of greyhounds for such purposes.

Foster Carer Full Name ▶

FULL NAME (PRINT)

Signature ▶

Date ▶

DATE / MONTH / YEAR