

Injury Fund Policy & Procedure

- **Purpose:**

To provide timely financial assistance for medical care to GPA Chapters and Sub-Chapters for the rescue of injured racing Greyhounds from the track or farm that would otherwise not be accepted due to limited resources.

- **Scope:**

1. Not more than one Grant per six-month period per Chapter or two per calendar year.
Exception: If the Grant is repaid within six months after issue eligibility is reset.
2. Grants would only be given for incoming Greyhound candidates, not those already taken in or adopted.
3. Two Grant levels: \$500 for non-surgical injuries or \$1500 for a required surgery.
4. Surgical or non-surgical treatment of skeletal/muscular or soft tissue injuries of incoming injured racing Greyhounds.

- **Administration:**

1. The Fund will be maintained in a separate designated account in the GPA National Treasury.
2. Review and approval of Grant Applications will be the responsibility of the GPA National President, Vice President, or Treasurer (one or more based on the discretion of the Officers).
3. Every effort will be made to approve requests within 48 hours of receipt of each Grant Application.
4. Status of the Injury Fund would be posted on the GPA National Website including progress reports on each Greyhound.

- **Application Criteria:** This information will be submitted on an Application Form (see attachment) to insure that all the criteria are met.

1. Identify financial need. A yearly Profit & Loss statement or tax return would be ways to determine financial need.
2. Greyhound identification information.
3. An assessment of the scope of the injury by the attending vet including an approximate treatment cost. A second opinion is desired (but not mandatory). This should be based on the attending veterinarian's experience in diagnosing racing Greyhound injuries.
4. Will this Greyhound regain quality of life as a retired pet? Again, the judgement of the attending veterinarian.
5. Grant request amount. This will be determined by the scope of the injury.

- **Approval Criteria:** A Review/Approval Form (see attachment) with a checklist to aid the reviewer.

1. Determine financial need.
2. Determine eligibility: Is this an incoming Greyhound?
3. Determine eligibility: Six or more months since the Applicant's last Grant?

- **Funding Suggestions:**

1. AGTOA & NGA Grants (good PR)
2. Racing owner Grants (good PR for the injured dogs owner to get his or her name in print or on the Website)
3. Pledge drive on the Website (list all pledgers. For pledges > \$500 the person would "adopt" an injured pup)
4. Add one dollar per dog to Chapter dues (This could encourage some Chapters to participate that have not taken in injured dogs)
5. Solicit Celebrating Greyhounds for an article promoting the Fund and our pledge drive (include our mailing address and website address for potential donors)