## **Greyhound Inmate Experience**

First and foremost, I would like to say what an amazing job your trainer/handlers did in the education of both Hyper and Gabe. I am a mental health therapist but also a Certified Assistance and Service Dog Trainer. I spent my time, prior to becoming a therapist, training assistance dogs for a nationally recognized service dog organization and showing dogs in: conformation, obedience, water sports, agility, dock diving, and other less well known dog sports. I was also a Search and Rescue Canine Handler with a self-trained, large area search dog with dozens of searches to his credit. So when I say, " Wow!! they did a great job with these dogs!" It comes with an amount of experience and authority behind it. You should be very very proud! The trainers should be very proud of themselves and the dogs as their significant efforts, and skills attention, held well and has generalized into the dogs lives in our home.

We have fostered Greyhounds for 3 years now and already have one we adopted, foster failure! As a therapist, I use Animal Assisted Therapy as part of my practice and was in need of an up and coming dog to utilize in my practice as my older dog needs to retire. In looking for one dog to fit this requirement, we ended up with 2 we adopted. We have adopted both Hyper as my next AAT dog and Gabriel as part of our family. I just couldn't choose between them and so they both came home and Wow!! I am so glad I made that decision!

They are doing wonderfully and adjusting well. Hyper's strengths are her walking on leash, her ability to settle and lay down, friendliness and her stability. Gabriel's strengths are his eye contact, his sit and down, his affectionate nature, and his crate training. Both have the most incredible recalls I have ever seen on a greyhound. Don't worry, the pictures of them off leash are in a safely fenced area.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for the amazing work you all have done in bringing these amazing greyhounds into our lives.

Warmly,,

The Greyhound crazy therapist-dog trainer