

What Does This Partnership Do?

Second Chance Greyhounds is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization that has formed a partnership with correctional facilities throughout the State of Georgia to foster and train former racing Greyhounds to better prepare them for life as a treasured pet. In return for the good manners that they learn, the dogs provide an outlet for the inmates to practice patience, learn responsibility and allow these men and women the opportunity to experience unconditional love for the first time in many years. It's a very special partnership that benefits both humans and Greyhounds.

"There are few activities that give me the feeling of normalcy and being truly needed that having the Greyhounds offers. Since being in this program, I have become more patient, understanding, and tolerant in all aspects... I wonder sometimes who needs who the most."

-Inmate testimonial

The Greyhound - An Ideal Breed Choice

For many reasons, a Greyhound is an ideal breed choice for almost any home. Stereotypically, Greyhounds are calm, relaxed and easy going. Most are quiet and shed minimally. Although they stand tall, they tend to curl up for sleeping in an amazingly small space. Some Greyhounds are tolerant of cats and other small animals, and get along well with children of all ages.

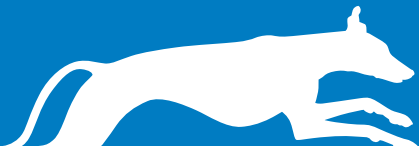


Fostering hope in both humans and Greyhounds through rehabilitative training founded in compassion, patience, and kindness.



About Us

We are a dedicated group of volunteers working to place former racing Greyhounds into adoptive homes. Our Greyhounds are unique in that they are fostered and trained by State inmates. This teaches inmates patience and responsibility, relieves idleness in the prison facilities, and allows the inmates to experience unconditional love. In turn, the Greyhounds are provided a foster home, one-on-one attention by the foster inmate, and the training necessary to complete Canine Good Citizenship testing. It's a win-win for everyone involved!



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Behind the Razor Wire

Before our Greyhounds find their way to their forever home, they spend two months completing a certified and supervised training program behind the bars of one of Georgia's State Prisons. While this program obviously benefits the Greyhounds by teaching them the necessary manners to acclimate to home life very quickly, the responsibility of caring and teaching a dog benefits the inmates in preparation for their release.

Greyhounds Learn How To:

- Lay down
- Sit
- Stay
- Walk on a leash, including through tight places
- Walk up and down stairs
- React to loud noises with confidence
- Respond to various verbal commands like: "enough," "leave it," etc.

"What a difference having a Greyhound that has already been acclimated to training typical of a house pet... I've loved my other Greyhounds a lot, but they started their training from a whole different place, and it was probably almost a year until they were at this place that Henry is now."

-Adopter testimonial



Female inmate with her Greyhound

Inmates Learn:

- Parenting Skills
- Responsibility
- Giving/Receiving Unconditional Love
- Confidence
- Job Skills

In addition to the men, women, and Greyhounds who actively participate in the training, the program also aids the prison staff by increasing their individual safety. Through the reduction of offender idleness, a decrease in the need for some psychiatric drugs, and the accountability these men and women have for these Greyhounds, there is a measurable increase in worker safety.

Why Adopt a Second Chance Greyhound?

You will be adopting the BEST OF THE BEST in former racing Greyhounds.

- These are special Greyhounds for special people. They have been through a supervised 8 week training period.
- You will gain a new Greyhound best friend that will forever change your life.
- We strive to ensure the "perfect fit" of your new Greyhound into your family lifestyle.
- Your Greyhound will be socialized into home living through this unique foster care system.
- Your Greyhound will be a holder of the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certificate.
- He will make you proud of the way he completes his obedience commands.
- Your Greyhound will be registered in our WAYWARD HOUND™ database. If he or she is lost, you will have a network of volunteers dedicated to finding your four-legged friend.
- Your Greyhound may become a part of the media campaign promoting these prestigious Greyhounds to the American public via television and the media-nationwide.

