



**GREYHOUND
FRIENDS INC.**

2024 Annual Report

April 13, 2025

Greyhound Friends' Mission and Work

Greyhound Friends was formed with the mission of placing unwanted greyhounds and other dogs, especially purpose-bred “working” dogs, in responsible, loving homes. Educating the public about the plight of such breeds and the need for humane treatment of animals is an important part of that mission as well.

Although greyhound racing in the US has declined significantly in recent years, the need for this work continues unabated. Tens of thousands of greyhounds are still bred annually for racing overseas, where humane protections for working dogs are minimal or lacking. In addition, gentle sighthounds like galgos, podengos and salukis suffer deplorable conditions and neglect, in places where awareness of these breeds as excellent domestic companions has only recently begun to grow.

Working with US and overseas partners, we continue to make a life-saving difference for sighthounds. In turn, each dog passing through our doors touches many lives, changing some for the better in positive and lasting ways.



From the President and Director

In its 41st year of operation, Greyhound Friends continued to fulfill its mission by moving previously unwanted sighthounds into loving adoptive homes in New England. Together we accomplished much in 2024. Some of the chief highlights included:

- ★ Moving 55 deserving dogs through our kennel and into responsible, loving homes.
- ★ Maintaining collaborations with rescue partners in Ireland, Portugal, Spain, China and Qatar, beginning transports of retired racers from Australia, as well as increasing intake of American greyhounds.
- ★ Making needed updates and improvements to the kennel building, with significant donations of labor and/or materials. These included interior lighting, replacement of the back doors and windows, new flooring in the kennel area, and updated HVAC in the office area.
- ★ Reaping the benefit of more than 7,000 hours of work provided by our dedicated volunteers.
- ★ Maintaining a Platinum rating from Charity Navigator & “Top Rated” Charity from Great Nonprofits.

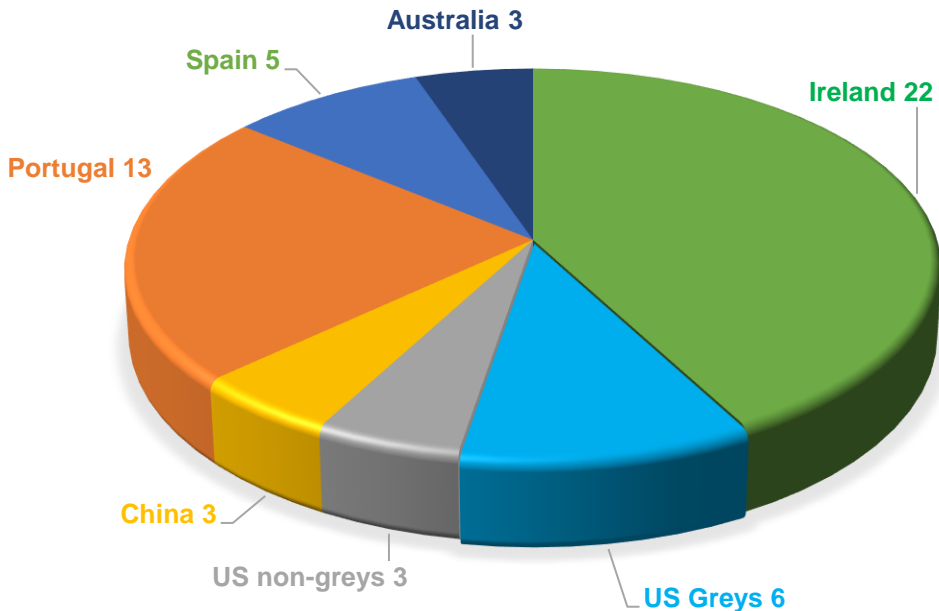
None of this would be possible without our fantastic staff, board members, volunteers, veterinarians, donors, adopters and friends. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to all! We look forward to more accomplishments for sighthound adoption and advocacy in the year ahead.

Michael Simon
President, Board of Directors

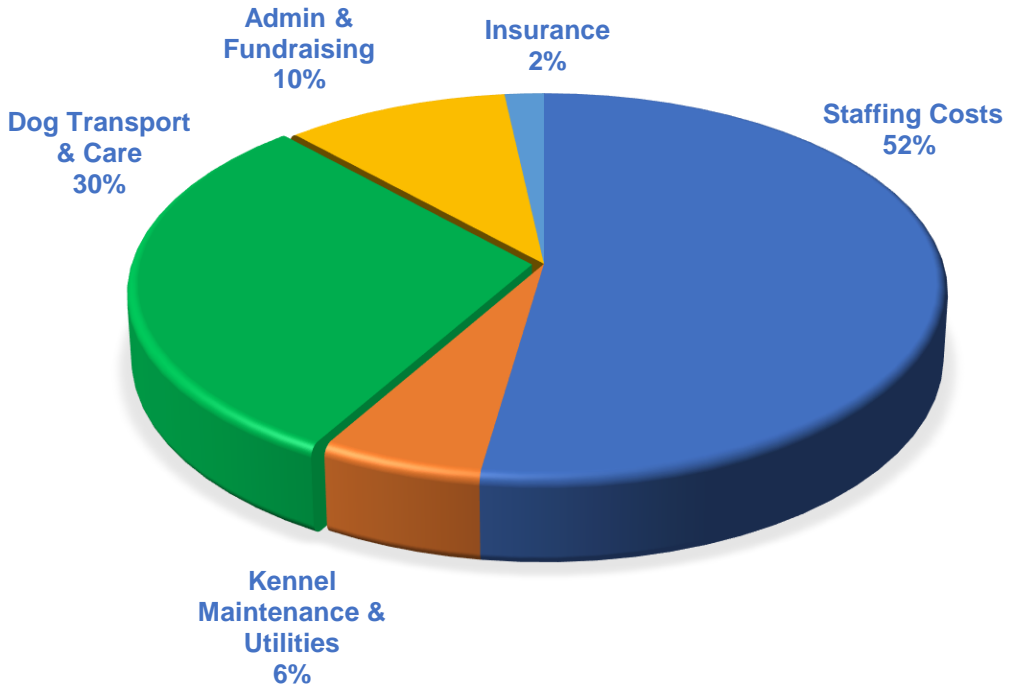
Theresa Shepard, CDT
Executive Director

2024 Data at a Glance

Despite having to pause adoptions in July to allow for kennel renovations, Greyhound Friends took in, vetted, housed and cared for a total of 55 dogs in 2024, including 8 who were transferred to other groups for adoption. They originated from:



Expenses totaling approximately \$266,000 were allocated among the following major categories:



2025 Outlook and Priorities



Overall: We will develop a strategic plan to strengthen and grow the organization.

Adoptions: With adoption demand strong and a critical need continuing in places with high unwanted dog populations, we aim to incrementally grow adoptions and to advocate for greater public awareness. We will strive to balance sustainability with directing resources where the need is greatest.

Partnerships: We will continue to expand and strengthen collaborations with peer organizations, both locally and internationally. We will strive to respond whenever possible to emergency intake/transport requests.

Education: We will re-start the Educational Outreach program and strengthen our community presence.

Financial Support: Donor development continues to be a priority for Greyhound Friends. Growing the monthly sustainer program is an ongoing goal, as well as fundraising campaigns for operating, medical, and capital improvement needs.

Capital Improvements: We will complete the HVAC system upgrade and make further progress on capital improvement plan.

Gratitude & Acknowledgments



We especially appreciate the generous assistance and expertise of the following professionals, partners and friends:

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We are grateful for you every day.**

2024 Adoption Album

