



**GREYHOUND  
FRIENDS INC.**

## **2025 Annual Report**

**April 20, 2026**

# 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 often 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 in positive and lasting ways.



# From the President and Director

In its 42nd year of operation, Greyhound Friends continued to fulfill its mission by moving previously unwanted sighthounds into loving adoptive homes in New England. Together with our dedicated supporters, we accomplished much in 2025. Some of the chief highlights included:

- ★ Moving 46 deserving dogs through our kennel with the goal of placement in responsible, loving homes.
- ★ Maintaining collaborations with rescue partners in Ireland, the UK, Portugal, Spain, Australia, China and Qatar, as well as continuing to take in American greyhounds and other sighthounds.
- ★ Continuing needed updates and improvements to the kennel building, with significant donations of labor and materials. These included a big project to update the HVAC system serving the dog kennel area.
- ★ Developing a comprehensive Strategic Plan to guide our priorities in the next 3 years.
- ★ Re-starting Educational Outreach to schools and other institutions in our area.
- ★ Benefiting from more than 7,000 hours of work provided by our devoted volunteers.
- ★ Maintaining a Platinum rating from Charity Navigator & “Top Rated” Charity from Great Nonprofits.

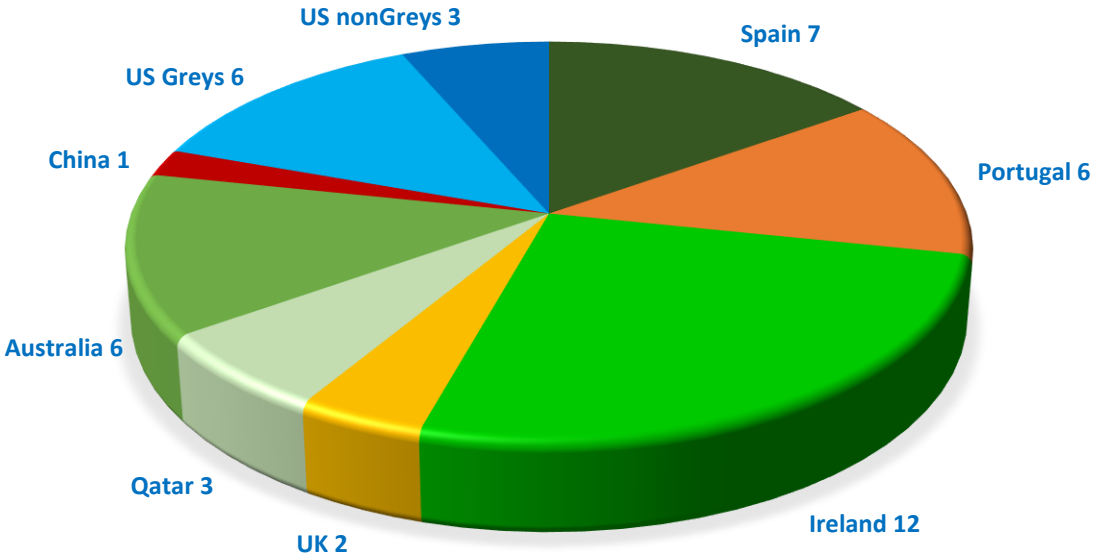
None of this would be possible without our fantastic staff, board members, volunteers, veterinarians, donors, adopters and friends. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to all! We look forward to more accomplishments for sighthound adoption and advocacy in the year ahead.

*Michael Simon*  
*President, Board of Directors*

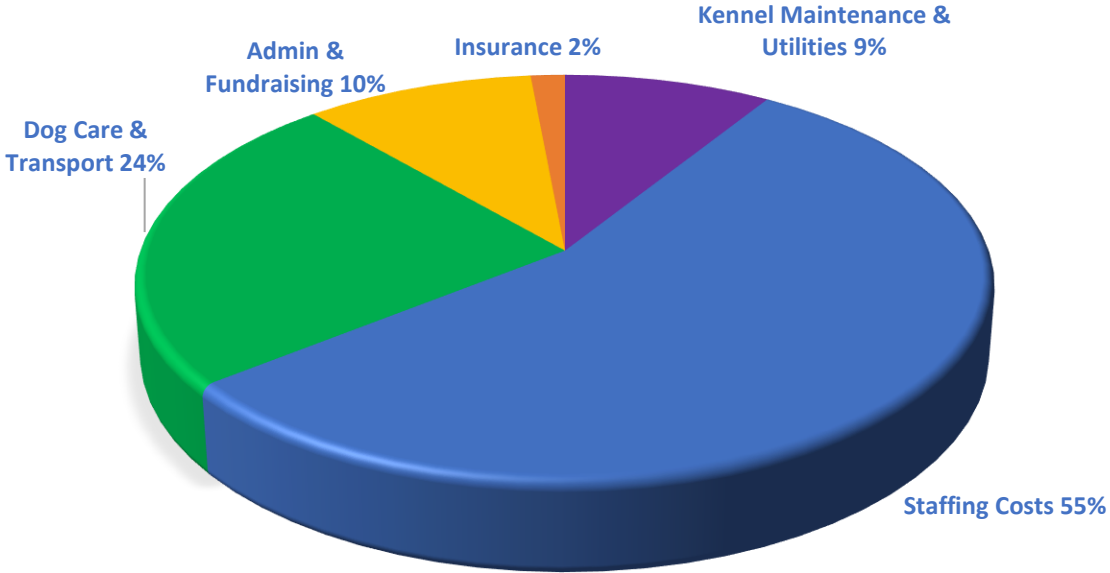
*Theresa Shepard, CDT*  
*Executive Director*

# 2025 Data at a Glance

Greyhound Friends took in, vetted, housed and cared for a total of 46 dogs in 2025, including 6 who were transferred to other groups for adoption. They originated from:



Operating expenses totaling approximately \$261,000 were allocated among the following major categories:



# 2026 Outlook and Priorities



**Overall:** Guided by the new strategic plan, we will continue to strengthen and grow the organization.

**Adoptions:** With adoption demand strong here and critical need ongoing 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 strengthen collaborations with both local and international partners.

**Community Presence:** We will continue to grow our community presence and educational outreach.

**Financial Support:** Donor development remains a top priority. 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 embark on a major project to improve the state mandated isolation and quarantine units for continued and efficient operation.

# Gratitude & Acknowledgments

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

Healthy Paws Veterinary Clinic	Erica Abate Recht/Marc Recht	Cristina Andriani & Jim Brody	Lynn & David Atkins
Greyhound Rescue of New England	Christopher Barber	Stephanie Barrett	Arden Bond
Greyhound Friends of New Jersey	Caroline Bunting-Palmer	Janeen Cox	Julie Cusolito
Fast Friends Greyhound Adoption	Louis & Cheryl Dahan	Cathy DeNorscia	Marsha & Bill Doherty
Baypath Humane Society	Amna Diwan/Malcolm Rogers	Jon L. Gramhofer	Pat Hall & Ed Ireland
Brown Dog Coalition	Joan & Joel Harris	Sandy Jepsen	Eli Lindes
Missing Dogs Massachusetts	Robert & Kathleen Mahoney	Rebecca Mathew	Stoddard & Ky Melhado
Attorney Elizabeth Reinhardt	Jim & Carolyn Moy	Donna Nelson-Duey	Estate of Peter M. Bloom
EMC DELL Corporation	Diana & Jim Simonelli	Barbara Nutting/Mike Miskowski	Cindy Sorensen
Long Subaru	Michael Swann	Christine & Daniel Van Dae	Mark Weissbecker
Ray Villeda and Boston25	Millennium Entertainment	Sherry Gordon-Shulik	Veronica Zolina

**The dedication, generosity, and kindness of our volunteers, donors, board and staff make everything possible.  
We are grateful for you every day.**

The Board of Directors: Michael S. Simon   Cheryl Garrity   Robert A. Cox   Irini Scordi-Bello   Lynn Wilcox

# 2025 Adoption Album

