



## 2014 Holiday Hope for Hounds Year End Letter

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**2014: A year full of adventure and new beginnings!**

Greetings Greyhound Friends! It's that time of year again - the time when we reflect on the year gone by. It's remarkable to note that we're about to close our 21<sup>st</sup> year placing Greyhounds in forever homes. In 2014 GFNC added over 131 Greys to our 'adopted hounds' list – an accomplishment to be proud of!

Our kennel team members work with tireless volunteers every day to keep our kennel operating efficiently. We could not do this work without them and we thank them for all the hours they dedicated to our kennel this year. GFNC would never have succeeded in finding homes for Greyhounds for 21 years without our volunteers and staff. They are our most valuable resource, keeping our precious Greyhounds safe and sound, and more importantly, finding them forever homes. Their boundless energy and love for the breed is priceless.

As 2014 draws to a close, we've got a lot to celebrate. We enjoyed special guests Dennis and Claire Tyler when they presented at our 2014 Cinco de Mayo open house. Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mountain Hounds event was a huge success, attracting more Greyhounds and their people than ever before. Many other events, too many to mention, help spread the word about the breed – and make a difference.

We were presented with an unusual opportunity in 2014 when we were asked to partner with another Greyhound adoption group to find homes for a litter of 'oops' Greyhound puppies. We successfully placed four of the eight pups in NC, and the others were adopted in Florida where

they were born. Three of the four NC pups were a huge hit with our visitors at our 2014 GFNC Christmas drop in. The event was the most successful Christmas event we've hosted in several years. It was truly a day of joy for all who attended.

We faced our share of challenges in 2014 as we have each and every year. First, our heating/ac unit failed and needed to be replaced. Through the generous support of many caring people, we were able to pay for a new unit to keep our hounds cool in summer and toasty in winter. We faced yet another challenge when our washer/dryer/refrigerator all had to be replaced this fall. Again, the generosity of our Greyhound Friends prevailed – we were given a generous donation so a new set of appliances was purchased and installed. The humans who keep the kennel dogs fed and healthy sure do appreciate these kind folks for keeping us up and running! We could not do this work without the support of people who care about the breed and help us offset significant expenses like these. Our sincere thanks to those who helped us this year!

In 2015, we'll be replacing the flooring in the office of the kennel, thanks to a donation from yet another Greyt friend. We have plans to add a second display frame for memorial bricks to the front porch of the kennel. We're excited to see what else is to come for us in 2015. Of course, we look forward to placing many more Greyhounds in forever homes, as that's our true mission.

The GFNC board appreciates your generous support in the past and for the future. Without your ongoing financial support, we can't continue the work we do.

Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year from Greyhound Friends of North Carolina! May you and your hounds be happy and blessed in the year ahead.

