Dear Friend:

The Wilmington Fur Ball Committee is pleased to announce the eleventh annual Wilmington Fur Ball. This year’s event will be held on November 5, 2016 at the Cape Fear Community College’s Union Station Windell Daniels Hall & Terrace at 502 N. Front Street. Profits raised from this annual gala are distributed to no-kill animal rescue groups located in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender Counties. Through the generosity of our supporters and donors, we have distributed $167,375 over the past ten years. As our coastal counties continue to grow in population, so do the many animals in our areas that need help. We are hoping your heart will be touched by their plight and will become a supporter of the Wilmington Fur Ball. Rescue groups that have received past support from Fur Ball include:

**Pender Humane Society** is a volunteer-based non-profit, no-kill animal rescue organization with a 2,000 square foot shelter located at 1407 NC Hwy 53 West in Burgaw. They also administer a low-cost spay and voucher program for people who normally could not afford to fix their personal animal. Funds from the Wilmington Fur Ball helped build their no-kill facility and provided operating funds for them each year. For more information visit: [http://www.penderhumane.org/](http://www.penderhumane.org/).

**Adopt an Angel** is a charitable outreach organization dedicated to assisting municipal shelters by providing satellite adoption fairs. Their primary focus is rescue animals whose time has “run out” in a traditional shelter. In addition, Adopt-an-Angel owns and operates a low-cost spay and neuter clinic in Brunswick County called, “Fix a Friend.” The clinic is located at 6033 Ocean Highway East, Winnabow, NC. The Wilmington Fur Ball provides operating funds for their low-cost spay and neuter program. More information is available at [http://adoptanangel.net/](http://adoptanangel.net/).

**Skywatch Bird Rescue** is a non-profit organization started by a reputable and licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Their focus is on the rescue of injured wild birds in and around Wilmington and southeast North Carolina. The Wilmington Fur Ball helped with the purchase of fencing for their 10-acre property as well as provided funds for their flood-damaged buildings after heavy rains caused damage to their facility.

**Pender Endangered Animal Rescue** is a non-profit canine organization located in Rocky Point, NC. Their no-kill outdoor facility houses dogs that are hard to adopt due to their mixed pit bull heritage. The Wilmington Fur Ball has allocated funds to help build a permanent exterior metal structure to cover their kennels. Money for veterinary expenses was also allocated to PEAR for one of their special needs dog.

**Ruffin Foundation** is a non-profit organization located in a rural area in Castle Hayne, NC. They provide a safe haven for feral cats that must be relocated to their facility due to encroachment of new housing developments and commercial buildings in various parts of our counties. The Wilmington Fur Ball provided funding to the Ruffin Foundation to help purchase a new air conditioner as well as helped with roof repairs.

**Furever Friends Animal Rescue** was established in 2007 as a non-profit organization. They provide medical treatment to injured, abandoned, and homeless animals to prepare them for adoption. The Wilmington Fur Ball provided funds for heartworm treatments for this organization.

**Other Rescue Organizations** that have benefited from the Wilmington Fur Ball include Rescue Connect, the Sunburst Foundation, and Monty’s Home.
The Wilmington Fur Ball is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit charitable organization. Your monetary donations are tax deductible; any contribution over $100 will be accompanied by a letter of thanks as a receipt for your tax purposes. The ticket purchases and/or auction item purchases are not considered a donation.

A member of the Wilmington Fur Ball will be contacting you soon to ask for your support. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help! If you have any questions, please call (910) 274-8953 and leave a message or email bydariver@charter.net. Please put “Fur Ball” in your subject line if emailing. With your support, the 2016 Fur Ball will be even bigger and better than last year.

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