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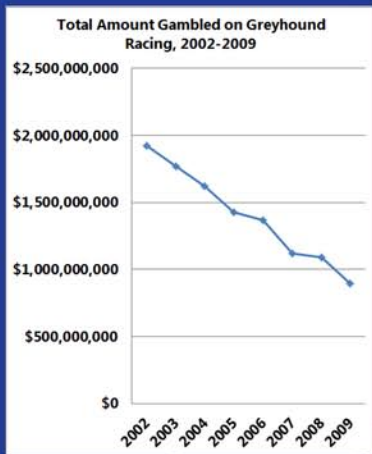
This year, we dedicate our newsletter to all the wonderful people who worked so hard to rescue greyhounds and end dog racing in 2011. You are truly the shining stars of GREY2K USA!



Once the revered companions of royalty, greyhound-like dogs held celebrity status in ancient times. It was a capital crime to kill a greyhound in Old England and only the elite were allowed to keep them. More than any other dog, greyhounds held a special social status in centuries gone by. To learn more go to grey2kusaedu.org/history.

But today, these loyal friends are treated like racing machines, and have been exploited and commodified by a dying industry.

In the struggling dog racing world, it is imperative to cut costs – which means less and less care for the greyhounds.



Greyhound puppies are separated from their mothers at a young age and painfully tattooed with racing numbers in their ears. They are kept confined in small, stacked cages and fed a diet based on raw diseased meat. When allowed out of their cages to run, many suffer serious injuries and die.



Photo of a caged dog at Tucson Greyhound Park

They need your help now. No matter who you are or where you live, you can play a starring role in helping greyhounds.

Please be a part of our all-star team and help bring these gentle friends back home.

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Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.
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★USA Campaign Update

When GREY2K USA formed in 2001, there were forty-eight dog tracks in fifteen states. Since that time, **twenty-six tracks have closed** for live racing all over the country, cutting a cruel industry in half. →



Photo of Hinsdale Greyhound Park, now closed.

We are determined to end dog racing at the twenty-two remaining tracks nationwide. For more information about our progress, click on the US map from our homepage at grey2kusa.org.



Seminole Greyhound Park (FL), St. Croix Meadows (WI), Pueblo Greyhound Park (AZ), Apache Greyhound Park (AZ), Multnomah Greyhound Park (OR), Plainfield Greyhound Park (CT), Geneva Lakes Kennel Club (WI), Post Time (CO), Shoreline Star (CT), Cloverleaf Kennel Club (CO), Jacksonville Kennel Club (FL), Tampa Greyhound Park (FL), Wichita Greyhound Park (KS), Corpus Christi (TX), Mile High (CO), The Woodlands (KS), Hinsdale Greyhound Park (NH), The Lodge at Belmont (NH), Seabrook Greyhound Park (NH), Wonderland Greyhound Park (MA), Valley Park (TX), Phoenix Greyhound Park (AZ), Raynham Park (MA), Dairyland Greyhound Park (WI), Twin River (RI) and VictoryLand (AL).



★GREY2K USA goes International!

Our campaign is now growing outside the borders of the United States. In 2010, GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak helped draft the bill that prohibited dog racing in the U.S. Territory of Guam. Testimony provided by GREY2K USA also



"Help save Macau greyhounds like me at RescueBrooklyn.org."

contributed to the recent announcement by South African officials that they will not approve dog racing in their country! Meanwhile, board member Charmaine Settle has been travelling to tracks abroad and recently visited the infamous Canidrome in Macau.

If you represent an anti-racing group outside the United States, please contact us so that we may learn more about your efforts and lend our support. See more at grey2kusa.org/worldwide.



Board member Charmaine Settle meets with Albano Martins of ANIMA.

★ **Be a Guiding Light**

Now for just pennies a day, you can help end dog racing nationwide. By joining our monthly giving program, the Gracie Club, you will ensure that GREY2K USA's efforts for the greyhounds continue.

Beautiful Gracie was our first spokesdog and she is dearly missed. Learn more about her at grey2kusa.org/give/monthly.html.



Gracie

★ **Shining Stars raise funds and friends for GREY2K USA**

Throughout the year, supporters like **Diane Murad** and **Christine Murphy** of Massachusetts, and **Nadine Skye-Davis** of Florida, asked their friends and family to make donations in honor of their birthdays. **Kathy Pelton** even hosted an official party for GREY2K USA at Sublime Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale! Other volunteers sewed holiday coats, held book parties and designed jewelry for the greyhounds. Read their stories throughout this newsletter.



Jean Fancy

Florida volunteers shined brightly this year! **Chuck Danielian** of Naples appeared on television for the greyhounds. **Denise Anderson** set up a GREY2K USA display at a Sarasota tourist park, **Dana Stewart, Elaine Swain, Ellen Berler** and **Jean Fancy** hosted a regular table in Tallahassee, **Barbara Everett** of Boca Raton handed out flyers throughout her retirement community and **Marni Bellavia** distributed anti-racing buttons to participants of a humane walk in Broward County.



★ **Meet Our Dogs**

To receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds and to read the month-by-month history of our work to end dog racing, please order a **2012 Greyhound Advocates Calendar**. All photos were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase supports our campaign for the greyhounds. Visit us at grey2kusa.org/calendar and get yours today.

Quantities are limited, so please order quickly. We can also accept orders by phone at 617-666-3526, for as long as supplies last. **Hurry!**



\$20

★ **GREY2K USA Leadership**

President and General Counsel: Christine Ann Dorchak; Vice President & Treasurer: Michael Trombley, CPA; Secretary: Valarie Wolf; Directors: Reverend Tom Grey, Stop Predatory Gambling; Eric Jackson, Greyhound Companions of New Mexico; Charmaine Settle, Galgo Rescue International Network; Caryn Wood; Karyn Zoldan, Tucson Tails. Executive Director: Carey Miles Theil.

*Organization affiliations are for identification purposes only.



GREY2K USA office with Zoe



GREY2K USA Board



As a special Valentine, **Carol of Greyhound Fleece Jackets** and **Kim of Collars by Kim** offered heart-themed greyhound coats and collars to benefit GREY2K USA. **Jennifer Plombon** of Washington sewed personalized greyhound coats for a special benefit drawing in November.

Jennifer Komatsu of Minnesota created hand-made Valentine necklaces and raised \$400 for the greyhounds on eBay. **Beading Divas** of Tucson designed colorful braceletts and raised over \$3,000 for the Education Fund.

Sue Doctrow of Massachusetts designed the new sterling silver greyhound jewelry now on our website at grey2kusa.org/shop/jewelry.html. A true labor of love.....

Jennifer Krebs of Georgia donated beaded necklaces for greyhounds.



Zoe in her bling.



Jennifer Plombon



★ **Financial Update**

GREY2K USA is committed to using resources efficiently. We operate our campaigns from one small office, coordinating with board members and other volunteers across the country to close down dog tracks nationwide.

Below is a summary of our 2010 expenditures:

Programs: 84% of all 2010 contributions were used directly for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and public education about the cruelty of greyhound racing.

Development: 11% of 2010 expenditures were focused on the production of adoption information and educational materials for the general public, distribution of campaign updates to supporters, upgrades to our web site, and other member services.

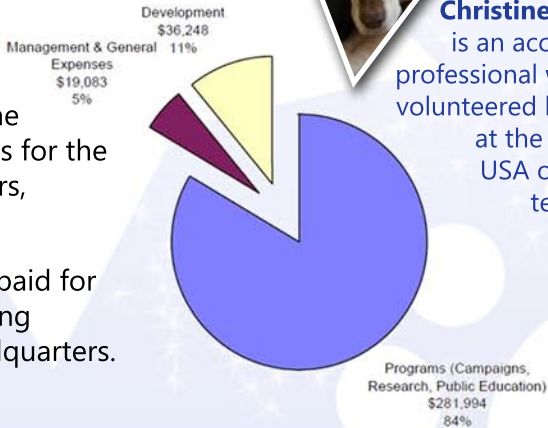
Management & General Expenses: 5% of the 2010 budget paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our Massachusetts headquarters.

Total Annual Expenses: \$337,325.

Tax returns prepared by Bucci & Associates, Lynnfield, Massachusetts. Copy available at grey2kusa.org/who/finances.html.



Christine McKay is an accounting professional who has volunteered her time at the GREY2K USA office for ten years.



★ **GREY2K USA Education Fund in the Spotlight**

Our 501(c)3 sister organization is dedicated to researching the racing industry and educating the public about the cruelty of dog racing. "Greyhounds in the Classroom" is a free program offered to schools nationwide. In October, Arizona teacher Maru Vigo used materials provided by the Education Fund to teach two classes at the Doolen School in Tucson. She was accompanied by GREY2K USA board member, Karyn Zoldan and her rescued greyhound, Jett.

Contact us at info@grey2kusaedu.org if you would like to volunteer for this program or can provide financial support. To order an activity kit, or to read a sample lesson plan, please go to: grey2kusaedu.org/education/classroom.html.

"My students were extremely happy with the presentation, signed their pledges and wore their buttons immediately. Now they know exactly what to do to help the greys." – **Maru Vigo**



Sam Simon of the Simpsons (with President Christine Dorchak) supports the greyhounds.

★ **Share with Your Fellow Stars**

Helping the greyhounds is as easy as 1-2-3. No audition required!

- 1 Pass along this newsletter to friends and family. It is also available online at grey2kusa.org/2011newsletter.
- 2 Spread the word with a bumper sticker on your car or by wearing a campaign t-shirt from grey2kusa.org/shop.
- 3 "Like" us on **Facebook** or "follow" us on **Twitter** -- and don't forget to follow our blog at saving-greys.com.



Young people like **Nilu** are helping to end dog racing.



"I'm so glad I got in touch this year and really feel like we made a difference for the greyhounds. It was an honor to represent GREY2K USA."

-Kyle Quandel and his dog Apollo distributed hundreds of GREY2K USA buttons and brochures at the annual Dewey Beach greyhound reunion in Delaware.



★ Giving the Greyhounds Center Stage

Would you like to bring a needy greyhound into your heart? Dogs like Camby are waiting for your call right now.

"Camby was a big lover boy whose tail never stopped wagging." - **Lisa Croote** of Texas. Camby raced at Wonderland in Massachusetts and was rescued by Greyhounds as Companions in New York.

To find the adoption group nearest you, go to grey2kusa.org/adopt.



Major and Jody

★ VIP cards

Sign up for our new greyhound credit card! GREY2K USA receives \$50 for each activated card and a percentage of all purchases made will continually benefit our campaigns. Choose one of the VIP greyhounds from our gallery, or download a photo of your own dog at grey2kusa.org/creditcard.



★ Shooting Stars

We would like to thank the following members of the media for their coverage of our campaigns this year:

Heather Rowe, KOLD-TV Tucson, Undercover video raises questions at TGP.

Linda Robertson, Miami Herald, Dog racing is running its course.

Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star, Greyhound Park is a black mark on South Tucson.

Jennifer Jacobs, Des Moines Register, Ban on greyhound racing takes small step in the Iowa legislature.

Emily Gugenomos, KVOA TV Tucson, Group tries to shut down greyhound racing.

Billy Wolf, Charleston Daily Mail, Injuries at dog track a worry.

Jim Defede, CBS Miami, Dog days at the track.

Tampa Tribune Editorial Board, Give dogs a rest.

Lloyd Gallman, Montgomery Advertiser, VictoryLand to suspend live racing.

Allan Turner, Houston Chronicle, Dog racing struggles to keep pace.

Alexandra Lages, Macau Times, US animal welfare group vows to help local greyhounds.



"My greyhound Aimin is a wonderful ambassador."

-**Sibylle Scheliga** walks her dog Aimin around Tucson handing out anti-racing flyers.

Thanks to American Dog Magazine for naming **GREY2K USA** the #1 greyhound advocacy group in the country!

Help GREY2K USA & Receive your Own Greyhound Star Band

Be a sweetheart for the greyhounds and receive one of our **limited edition wristbands**.

For a donation of \$50 or more, we will send one right to you.

Use the enclosed envelope or order online at grey2kusa.org/gold.



These glamorous silicone wristbands are embossed with stars and read:

* **GREY2K USA** * **Save the Greyhounds** * Get yours today!



Clues Unlimited and mystery novelist **David Rosenfelt** (shown with board member **Karyn Zoldan**) held a book-signing event in Tucson to benefit GREY2K USA.



"Our greyhound adopters learn all about the cruelty of dog racing and bring home the best friends in the world."

-**Eric Jackson** serves on our board and is also the communications director for Greyhound Companions of New Mexico.

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GREY2K USA is a non-profit 501(c)4 advocacy organization located at 240B Elm Street, Somerville, Massachusetts 02144. We do not use professional fundraisers, so 100% of donations support our mission to end dog racing. We are grateful for personal and corporate contributions. Because GREY2K USA actively lobbies for greyhound protection, contributions are not tax deductible.

The official registration and financial information of GREY2K USA may be obtained from the Massachusetts Attorney General by calling (617) 727-2200 and from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Nearly
**100 animal
advocates** joined
together to lobby at the
capitol in Phoenix, **Arizona** to
speak for the greyhounds.
Similar groups assembled in
Des Moines, **Iowa** and
Tallahassee, **Florida** for
bills to eliminate dog
racing there.

Giving a Voice to Greyhounds Nationwide



Organizer Kari Nienstedt of the HSUS invited GREY2K USA supporters to a humane lobby day.