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Setting the  
Stage to **End**  
**Dog Racing**  
**Worldwide**

**2013**

This year's cover dog is Schroeder

**GREY2K USA**  
**WORLDWIDE**







**Ready, Set, Action!**

## A Global Campaign to End Dog Racing

**The stage is now set and the time has come.** GREY2K USA is now joining with organizations around the world to end dog racing on a global basis. **That's right, we will now be GREY2K USA Worldwide!**

On Saturday, October 12, we gathered supporters in our new office to meet Joe Duckworth, CEO of the League Against Cruel Sports. Joe spoke about our new collaboration to help greyhounds in the United Kingdom. Jeroen van Kernebeek, former campaign director for Animals Australia and now a member of our board, gave a first person account of the situation Down Under. You can read our announcement and see a gallery of event photos at [GREY2KUSA.org/OpenHouse](http://GREY2KUSA.org/OpenHouse)



Executive Assistant,  
Dana Demetrio  
greeted guests

As we explained that night, the Grey2k Committee of Massachusetts expanded to become GREY2K USA when we realized dog racing was a national problem. Since our reformation in 2001, the greyhound racing industry has been cut in half. Where there were nearly 50 American tracks at that time, today there remain just 21. Similarly, **the business of dog track breeders has collapsed and the latest figures from the Association of Racing Commissioners International show a 67% decline in betting on dogs here in the United States over the last decade.**



While we will continue to focus on ending dog racing in our own country, we have now realized that **this cruelty knows no boundaries. The greyhounds in Ireland and Vietnam, Mexico and Macau are crying out for help, just as the dogs in Florida and Texas.**

Greyhound racing was invented in California in 1919, so we feel a special responsibility to right this wrong, stop expansion of dog racing, and roll it back wherever it has started.

As we begin this new phase of our work, we need your support now more than ever. Please make a donation to help with our re-launch and be sure to order some of our new campaign gear. Each carries our new logo and helps deliver the message that greyhound racing must end worldwide.

As the team to end dog racing grows, we promise to work even harder to make a difference for greyhounds. I hope you will join us in this new endeavor.

*C. A. Dorchak*

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq  
President

*Carey Theil*

Carey Theil  
Executive Director

## Our Lines

How does GREY2K USA work to help greyhounds?

Research and Education



Writing Legislation



Lobbying



Passing Laws to End Dog Racing

## Meet our New Australian Director!

Jeroen van Kernebeek was born in The Netherlands, where he coordinated the youth education program for the Jane Goodall Institute, served as Campaign Manager for several animal protection organizations, and also worked at one of Europe's largest sanctuaries for exotic animals. Jeroen recently finished several years at Animals Australia, where he led national campaigns for the greyhounds and other animals used in entertainment. Email [jeroen@GREY2KUSA.org](mailto:jeroen@GREY2KUSA.org)



To meet our other directors, please go to [GREY2KUSA.org/board](http://GREY2KUSA.org/board)

## Cameos

GREY2K USA sponsored and participated in special events throughout the year to promote greyhound advocacy and adoption including the **Colorado Springs Pet Expo**, **NHSPCA Paws Walk**, **HAWS Pet Fair in Wisconsin**, **Dogtoberfest**, **NYC Vegetarian Food Festival**, the **Bark at Briargate**, **Viva Las Vegas Food Festival**, **Fort Lauderdale's March Against Cruelty** and the **1000 Sighthounds Walk in Devon, England.**





## Best Supporting Role

Throughout the year, **GREY2K USA** and the **GREY2K USA Education Fund** provide grants to adoption groups. We were particularly proud to provide \$3,000 to **Greyhounds of the Verde Valley** to help them rescue dozens of dogs from Tucson Greyhound Park.



Jamal pets Rico

**You can help, too.** Put a needy greyhound in the center stage of your life! Go to **GREY2KUSA.org/adopt**

## Greyhound Freedom Calendars and Credit Cards

Our new calendar is a celebration of greyhounds and the campaign to give our gentle friends the second chance they deserve. On every page you will read about the milestones reached in ending dog racing around the world and meet some of the wonderful greyhounds rescued by your fellow campaigners. You can also apply for a coordinating Visa card featuring one of five calendar dogs!

\$20  
plus s/h



Order while they last at **GREY2KUSA.org/calendar** or call 781-488-3526

## Action Heroes

Throughout the year, volunteers like you participated in special events to promote adoption and advocate for an end to dog racing.



Kathy Pelton tabling for GREY2K USA

**Kathy Pelton** organized teams of volunteers throughout **Florida** to host tables, march in parades and give presentations at humane societies, schools and summer camps. In fact, Kathy has now joined our board as Secretary!



**Florida** volunteers including Hallandale Commissioner **Michelle Lazarow** testified at hearings for the greyhounds throughout the state.

**Vicki Norman** read to students at the Candlebrook Elementary School in **Pennsylvania** with her dog **Darla**. **Debbie Merlin** in Palmdale, **California**, **Terri Hancock** and **Hank** in Naperville, **Illinois**, **Teresa Ginaven** with **Layla** and **Kami** in Palmetto, **Florida** and many others participated in our Greyhounds in the Classroom program this year.



Teresa Ginaven with students

**JoJean Marshall** of **Ohio** again hosted a greyhound reunion and participants donated over \$600 to GREY2K USA.

The artists of **Etsy for Animals** and **Simple Dog** donated the proceeds from a month of sales to the greyhounds. **Felicia Singer** continued to host a dedicated eBay page for GREY2K USA Education Fund.

**The United Federation of Teachers** distributed our brochures and teaching materials at its annual conference in **New York City**.

**GREY2K USA Director James Flanagan**, and cycling couple **Maggie** and **Joe Antonsen** rode in El Tour de Tucson's 111-mile race to raise over \$7,000 for the **GREY2K USA Education Fund**.



## MISSING



Brooklyn is one of hundreds of dogs suffering at the Canidrome, China's only dog track. We have renewed our campaign to rescue him. Go to **RescueBrooklyn.org** to learn more and follow the 5 steps to set him free!



## Paparazzi

Thanks to journalists around the world for these "greyt" articles!

- Michael Smith, Galveston Daily News, *Animal welfare groups fight 'commodifying man's best friend'*
- Matthew Schwartz, KVOA-TV, *Is Tucson greyhound park going to the dogs?*
- Billy Cox, Sarasota Herald-Tribune, *Greyhound deaths spur push for records*
- Matt Belanger, KTAE-T Pittsburgh, *Investigation reveals greyhound injuries*
- Simon Parry, South China Morning Post, *Dog imports to controversial Macau track see big drop*
- Laura Krantz, Metrowest Daily News, *Group seeks to end greyhound racing worldwide*



Read these and other stories at [GREY2KUSA.org/news](http://GREY2KUSA.org/news)

## On Location

Retired teacher and animal cruelty investigator for Animal Protection of New Mexico, Sherry Mangold and her dog Rico distributed free posters, books and "Save the Greyhounds" wristbands to hundreds of children in Albuquerque throughout the year. Sherry is now a GREY2K USA board member too! See photos of Sherry in action at [GREY2KUSAEDU.org/NM](http://GREY2KUSAEDU.org/NM)



## Directors

GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection group in the United States. We work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and to end the cruelty of dog racing on national and international levels. We also promote the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe.



**President:** Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.  
**Vice President:** Eric Jackson  
**Treasurer:** Sherry Mangold  
**Secretary:** Kathy Pelton  
**Directors:** Tom Grey, Charmaine Settle, James Flanagan, Jeroen van Kernebeek  
**Executive Director:** Carey M. Theil



Assistant Director Zoe



## Lawmakers Take Center Stage



This year, the greyhounds saw advances in several states.

In March, the **Hawaiian legislature** rejected a bill to introduce dog racing to the islands.

In April, **Kansas lawmakers** voted down a bill to re-open its former dog tracks as dog racing casinos. The next month, **Governor Hickenlooper of Colorado** signed a bill to put an end date on dog simulcast wagering and to repeal language that historically tied state funding to groups that support dog racing.

Also in May, **Florida regulators** released new humane rules for greyhounds, requiring a regular accounting of all dogs, immediate reporting of deaths, and an increase in penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation. A special Gaming Committee is now evaluating the humane and economic losses caused by live racing in the state.



In August, the **West Virginia Racing Commission** voted unanimously to approve a new anti-cruelty policy calling for the prosecution of those who abuse greyhounds.

## Production Notes

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2012 expenditures. You make our work possible!

- Programs: 79%
- Development: 17%
- Management & General Expenses: 4%
- Total Annual Expenses: \$391,233.00.







## Wardrobe please! Gear Up to End Dog Racing Worldwide

Make a contribution of \$50 or more and receive your own campaign kit including a t-shirt, button, bumper sticker and tumbler in a heavy duty tote bag, all emblazoned with our new logo. Make a gift of \$75 or more and we will add a team necklace, too!

## Join the Cast

Pass along this newsletter to friends and family or share it from [GREY2KUSA.org/2013news](http://GREY2KUSA.org/2013news)

Ask the governors of each racing state to oppose dog racing. Learn more at [GREY2KUSA.org/gov](http://GREY2KUSA.org/gov)

Host an outreach table or rally for the greyhounds. See our action kit at [GREY2KUSA.org/action](http://GREY2KUSA.org/action)

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## New Set for GREY2K USA



(R to L) Research Director, Amelia Cook, Executive Director, Carey Theil, President, Christine Dorchak, Executive Assistant, Dana Demetrio and Director of Communications, Danielle Festa

## Roll the credits!

The greyhounds wish to thank **Eddie DeBartolo, Janet Swanson, Mayme Gigl, Paula Blanchard, Laura Kohn, Bill Suddaby, Dana Edwards, Bryan and Carla Wilson and Lois Brounell** for their major contributions to our campaigns and pro-adoption efforts this year.



After twelve years in a tiny basement office in Somerville, Massachusetts GREY2K USA moved to a new home in Arlington. We are still in one room, but the space is sunny and bright, provides more room for volunteers to come in and help, and offers carpeted floors for our gentle greyhound friends to walk on. You can see a gallery of "before and after" photos on our web site at [GREY2KUSA.org/office](http://GREY2KUSA.org/office)

## A Touch of Glamour

Deleuse Jewelers of California is offering a special series of gold and silver charms and charm bracelets to benefit GREY2K USA Worldwide. Go to [GREY2KUSA.org/special](http://GREY2KUSA.org/special) to learn more and see other great offers from our friends at Amazon.com, Benefit Wines and more.



Janet Swanson with Takoda



Bryan Wilson



Eddie DeBartolo with Bentley and Sami

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Worldwide  
campaign kit

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Thank you for  
helping save  
greyhounds  
like me!



"Dillard was in very rough shape  
after racing in Iowa. He is living  
proof that TLC (and great vet care)  
can make a big difference."

- Dillard raced at Dubuque and  
Bluffs Run Greyhound Parks and was  
adopted from GPA Wisconsin.