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Racing to **Save the Greyhounds** **2014**

This year's cover dog is Perci

GREY2K USA
WORLDWIDE 

Racing to Freedom Around the World

When Christine Dorchak and Carey Theil formed GREY2K USA in 2001, they dreamed of a day when the cruelty of dog racing would end forever. From their one-room basement office in Massachusetts, they decided to launch a national campaign to educate the public about the cruelty of dog racing. But more than that, they wanted to share this information with lawmakers and then successfully pass legislation to close down dog tracks.

Their big dream is now a reality. With your help and support, Christine and Carey have worked to shutter twenty-eight American dog tracks and are now expanding their vision worldwide.

By the time you receive this newsletter, they will have returned from London and launched the first campaign to end dog racing in the United Kingdom. Working with the League Against Cruel Sports, GREY2K USA intends to begin turning back the clock on dog racing in Great Britain.



In Australia, a petition has already been presented to the New South Wales Parliament. In September, our Australian Director Jeroen van Kernebeek submitted over 6,000 of your signatures to MP John Kaye, who will be demanding a roll-back of dog racing Down Under. Similarly, in Macau, our campaign partner, Albano Martins of ANIMA, has met with the Chief

Executive (President) to ask for his personal help in closing down China's only dog track.

Even as new campaigns open up, the focus of GREY2K USA Worldwide remains here in the United States. Following our success in making Colorado the thirty-ninth state to ban dog racing, we hope to add several more states to the list in 2015. Stay tuned for news of these efforts. Florida in particular, which hosts twelve of the remaining twenty-one US tracks, will be at the top of our list.



The race to save greyhounds worldwide is ours to win.

GREY2K USA Board of Directors

Lawmakers on the Winners Podium

This year, the greyhounds saw advances in several states.

2014 started off well when **Colorado** became the 39th state to prohibit dog racing. **Governor John Hickenlooper** (D) signed House Bill 1146 into law on March 10. **Freshman lawmaker K.C. Becker** (D) championed our legislation.



Representative John Kavanagh with Joe Romack and Dreamer

In May, **Arizona Governor Jan Brewer** (R) signed SB 1282 into law, requiring full injury reporting for greyhounds at Tucson Greyhound Park. She also repealed a \$1.2 billion racing breeders fund! **Representative John Kavanagh** (R) led the fight for the greyhounds.

That same month, **Iowa Governor Terry Branstad** (R) signed SF 2362, brought by the Council Bluffs dog track itself, to repeal the live racing mandate statewide. The track will hold its last dog race in December 2015, and the state's other track in Dubuque may follow suit.

In August, **Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts** (D) refused to grant a \$600,000 tax reduction to Bay State tracks still offering simulcast wagering on dogs.

Our Relay Team

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.

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Executive Director: Carey M. Theil



Learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/board

Racing Home

Throughout the year, GREY2K USA and the GREY2K USA Education Fund provide grants to adoption groups. We were particularly proud to lend support in seven countries this year, providing thousands of dollars to rescue and rehabilitate racing greyhounds.

Natalie Larkin with Anngi

You can help, too. Adopt a loving greyhound in need! Go to GREY2KUSA.org/adopt

Greyhound Freedom Calendars and Credit Cards

Our new calendar is a celebration of greyhounds and the campaign to give these gentle dogs 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 dog images!

\$20
plus s/h



Learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/calendar or call 781-488-3526

Your Donations Will Help End this Cycle of Cruelty

What is life like for a greyhound born into the dog racing industry? Go to grey2kusa.org/bagface to see the illustrated true story of "Bagface" born in Kansas and now on a breeding farm in Tennessee. **Closing down racetracks will bring an end to this cruelty too!**



go to GREY2KUSA.org/bagface to see the full story

Greyhound Heroes Circle

Throughout the year, volunteers like you participate in special events to raise money for our campaigns.

Andrew Kirschner of **Florida** sold Animal Rescue Bars and donated a portion of sales to GREY2K USA.



Tina Sanford, a Mary Kay consultant in **Michigan**, **Mindy Geske** who sells Scentsy products in **California** and Tupperware representative **Crystal Anderson** of **Pennsylvania** all shared their profits with the greyhounds this year.

Darbster restaurant in Boca Raton held a benefit night for the GREY2K USA Education Fund.



Kat Ranaelletti kept a donation jar for GREY2K USA at her Lucky Dog Thrift Shop in **New Hampshire**.



Jo Jean Marshall of **Ohio** hosted a greyhound reunion to benefit GREY2K USA and the Greyhound Project.

GREY2K USA Director James Flanagan rode in El Tour de Tucson's 111-mile race to raise donations for the GREY2K USA Education Fund.

The official theme song for GREY2K USA was premiered in a special online concert by **Devora Clark** of Tennessee. Listen to "Bella Donna" at g2kww.org/1x59kBm



Want to be in the Greyhound Heroes Circle, too? Go to GREY2KUSA.org/greyhoundHeroes

Team Coverage

Thanks to journalists worldwide for these "greyt" articles!

- Natalie O'Brien, **Sydney Morning Herald**, *Australian greyhounds face horrible fate in Macau*
- Mary Ellen Klas, **Miami Herald**, *Greyhound deaths and Florida's racing industry*
- Headline News with **Jane Velez-Mitchell**, *Racing greyhounds dying at alarming rate*
- Kimberly Matas, **Arizona Daily Star**, *Dog electrocuted during Tucson Greyhound Park race*
- Denver Post**, *Greyhound racing ban signed into law in Colorado*
- Fernando Peinado, **Associated Press**, *Dog tracks cornered by wagering woes, racing foes*

Read these and other stories at GREY2KUSA.org/news

THE FINAL LAP

GREYHOUND
DEATHS AT
FLORIDA
RACETRACKS
IN 2013

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Refereeing

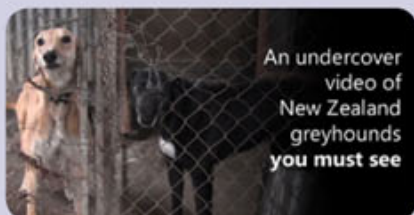
In February, we released the first report on the deaths of greyhounds at Florida's tracks. New information shows that a racing dog dies every three days in the Sunshine state. You can see our video documentary, "The Final Lap" by going to GREY2KUSA.org/FLdeaths

Time Out!

Our legislative efforts concluded for the year when **South Africa** rejected a renewed proposal to authorize dog racing. A groundbreaking piece on the public affairs program *Carte Blanche* was key in protecting greyhounds in the Rainbow Nation.



Working with Farmwatch and the Greyhound Protection League of New Zealand, this March GREY2K USA released an undercover video exposing the sad conditions for racing greyhounds in the Kiwi Country. Sign our petition and see the investigation at GREY2KUSA.org/NZ



An undercover
video of
New Zealand
greyhounds
you must see

After this newsletter goes to print, GREY2K USA Worldwide will release the first comprehensive look at greyhound racing in the UK called "The State of Greyhound Racing in Great Britain: A Mandate for Change." Be sure to read our report and see photos from our presentation before Parliament at GREY2KUSA.org/UKreport

A Winning Duo

In August, **Abigail Cromwell** and **Karl Jablonowski** of **Washington** asked their wedding guests to make donations to the greyhounds in lieu of personal gifts. The couple's rescued dogs, Jackie the greyhound, Carrie and Robert were all Persons of Honor that day!



MVP Players

The greyhounds wish to thank **Eddie DeBartolo**, **Albano Martins**, **Lauren Marino**, **Janet Swanson**, **Paula Blanchard**, and **Martha Muse** for their major contributions to our campaigns and pro-adoption efforts this year.

We would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers like **Bryan** and **Carla Wilson**, **Alan** and **Heide Freed** and so many others who hosted rallies across the state of Florida this year.



On Saturday, October 11, the board of directors of GREY2K USA Worldwide announced awards to key lawmakers in five states. Sixty supporters joined us at the Sublime Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale as **Senator Maria Sachs** (D), **Rep. Matt Gaetz** (R - Lawmaker of the Year) and **Rep. John Wood** (R) spoke about their commitment to ending dog racing. **Governor Terry Branstad** (R) of Iowa, Arizona House Speaker and Representatives **Andy Tobin** (R), **John Kavanagh** (R), **Ethan Orr** (R) and **Steve Farley** (D); Massachusetts Senators **Pat Jehlen** (D) and **Robert Hedlund** (R); Florida Senators **Don Gaetz** (R) and **Garrett Richter** (R) and Representatives **Jared Moskowitz** (D) and **Eleanor Sobel** (D); as well as Colorado's **Rep. K.C. Becker** (D) also received awards this year.



GREY2K USA Scorecard

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2013 expenditures. You make our work possible!

- Programs: 81%
- Development: 12%
- Management & General Expenses: 7%
- Total Annual Expenses: \$406,561





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DOGS
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for **FUN**

see sizing charts online

Make a contribution of \$50 or more and receive our new soft mesh shirt and matching socks. Perfect for going on a run or just hanging around! Go to GREY2KUSA.org/2014news

Win a medal in our '**Dogs Should Only Run for Fun**' worldwide race. Create a fundraising page and use a running app to share your results – set your own race length and donation goal at grey2kusa.org/run4fun



For more
greyhound fun, go to
grey2kusa.org/shop



- Pass along this newsletter to friends and family or share it from GREY2KUSA.org/2014news
- Ask the governors of each racing state to oppose dog racing. Learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/gov
- Host an outreach table or rally for the greyhounds

See our action kit and tips at GREY2KUSA.org/action



Supporters rally for the greyhounds, Florida



GREY2K USA sponsored and participated in special events throughout the year to promote greyhound advocacy and adoption including Ohio's **Greyt Greyhound Gathering**, the **Colorado Springs Pet Expo**, **Shirley's Run** for homeless animals in Pennsylvania, **HAWS Pet Fair** in Wisconsin, **Finger Lakes Adopt A Grey Auction**, the **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico** Annual Gathering, and Sydney's **Gone are the Dogs Rally**.



Katherine Claus at Bark for Briargate, CO



Gone are the Dogs Rally in Sydney, AU



Dale Lotreck with Lulu and Monty at Greyhound Companions of New Mexico's Annual Gathering

GREY2K USA Worldwide is a non-profit 501(c)4 advocacy organization located at 7 Central Street, Suite 210, Arlington, MA 02476. 100% of donations support our mission to end dog racing, pass greyhound protection laws, and promote the adoption of ex-racers. We are grateful for both personal and corporate contributions. Because we lobby for greyhound protection, contributions are not tax deductible.

Please Note: To make a tax-deductible donation to help greyhounds, go to GREY2KUSAEDU.org/give

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