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**WORLDWIDE**





## Embracing World Efforts to End Cruelty

2016 will be recorded as the year when greyhound advocates from around the world joined hands and came together for the first time. In October, the inaugural **Greyhounds Around the Globe** conference took place featuring speakers from ten countries, and guests from many more.

**The time has now come for all of us to work as one for the greyhounds.** The cruelty of dog racing could not end soon enough and we are determined to stop it before it expands beyond the eight countries in which it already exists. Please sign our online petition to the leaders of these jurisdictions, asking them to take a stand for the dogs. Go to [change.org/greyhounds](http://change.org/greyhounds) now.

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

**Thank you for making this life saving work possible!**

*C. A. Dorchak* *Carey Theil*

Christine Dorchak and Carey Theil, founders





## Meet our Board

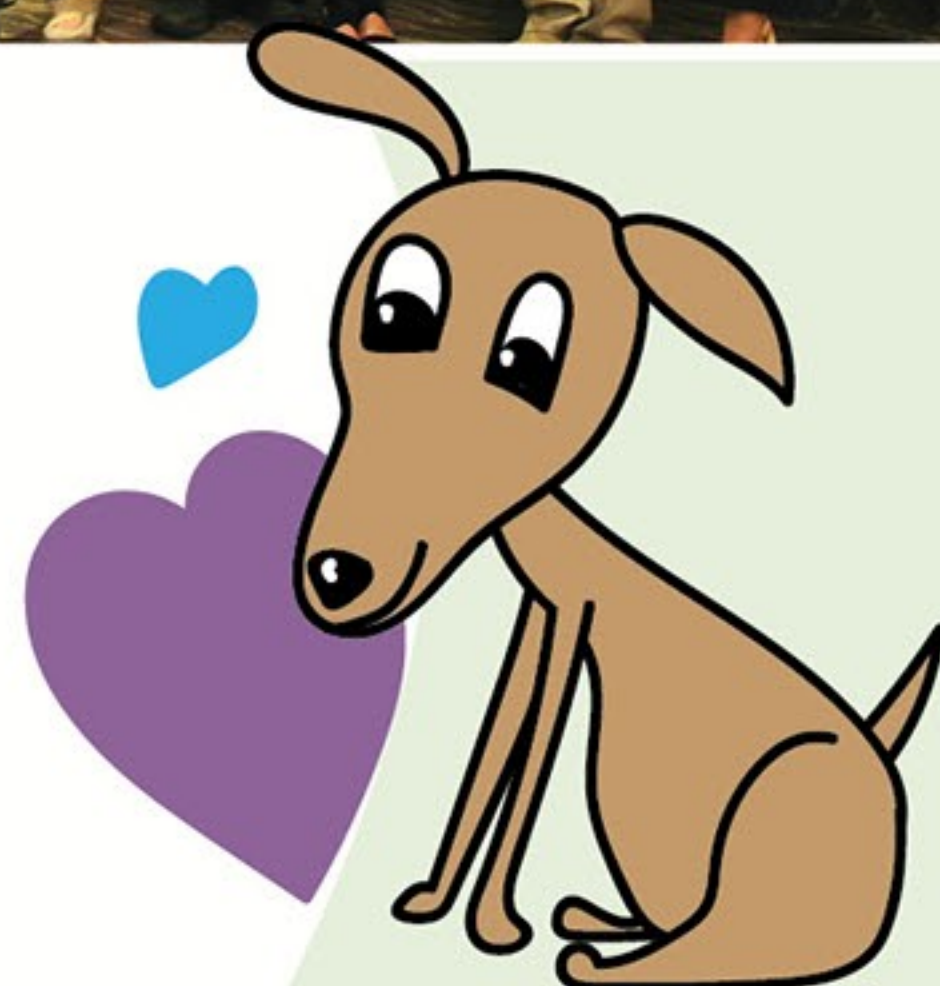
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Read our bios at [GREY2KUSA.org/who/board](http://GREY2KUSA.org/who/board)



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## A Year of Love

2016 saw key victories around the world, including a unanimous vote in May to prohibit dog racing in the state of **Arizona**!

In **Kansas**, we were able to defeat a dangerous attempt to reopen three long-closed dog tracks there. In **West Virginia**, the legislature again reduced subsidies to National Greyhound Association breeders. Plus, the last dog track in **Oregon**, Multnomah Greyhound Park, was demolished in June! Dog racing now remains legal and operational in just a handful of states.



Meanwhile, an August vote against dog racing in **New South Wales, Australia** will mean the closure of dozens of tracks Down Under. **Argentina** is also coming very close to

passing a preemption on dog racing and our friends in **New Zealand** are making a concerted effort to expose the cruelty of dog racing there for the first time. In Dublin, **Ireland**, four hundred animal advocates rallied for the greyhounds outside the doors of Parliament, the biggest single protest ever for greyhounds worldwide. Meanwhile, the last dog track in **London**, at Wimbledon, will be holding its last race in just a few months!



Perhaps the biggest news is that the worst dog track in the world, **China's Canidrome**, is teetering after receiving an eviction notice from the Macau government. Facing financial losses of 82% over the last year, its days are numbered and our work to help place the dogs will soon begin.

You can receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds and read the month-to-month history of our work this year and since 2001 by ordering a **2017 Greyhound Freedom Calendar**. All photos

were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase funds our campaign to end dog racing. Place your order at [GREY2KUSA.org/calendar](http://GREY2KUSA.org/calendar) or call us at 866-2GREY2K. \$20 plus s/h.







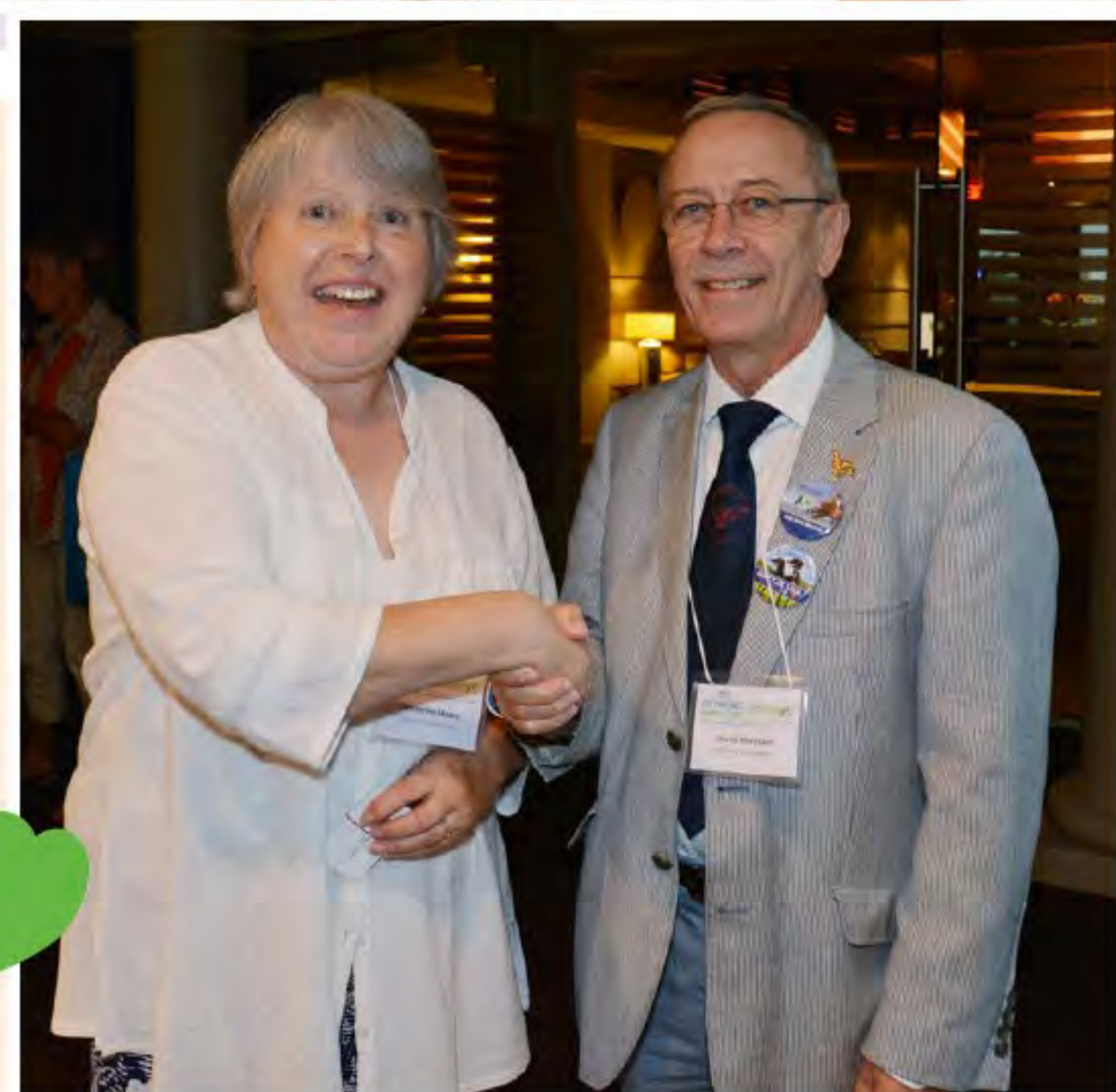
**“We have forced extraordinary change for greyhounds, but we must keep working!”**

– Heather Neil, RSPCA Australia



**On October 15**, advocates from a dozen countries joined together for the first international conference on greyhound advocacy. Our **Greyhounds Around the Globe** gathering took place in Florida, the first jurisdiction in the world to legalize commercial dog racing.

The day started with the release by ABC News of our video documenting the cruelty of dog racing at nearby Palm Beach Kennel Club. We exposed the violent collisions, injuries and deaths that greyhounds suffer at this facility. In fact, according to state records, a dog dies every three days at a Florida racetrack. This is something we are determined to change.



**“Please help us find homes for the 700 Canidrome dogs.”**

– Albano Martins, ANIMA



**But the cruelty of dog racing knows no borders.** Wherever dog racing exists, it must be stopped. Throughout the day, representatives from other racing countries, including Australia, China and Great Britain as well as adoption advocates from around the world, spoke of their efforts to help greyhounds. This historic day concluded with the release of a joint letter to the leaders of eight dog racing countries, asking them to shut down this heartless industry. Please read more about our conference and sign on to this letter by going to [GREY2KUSA.org/greyglobe/petition](http://GREY2KUSA.org/greyglobe/petition)



**“We are going to make dog racing history.”**

– Carey Theil, GREY2K USA



**“Let’s make this world a safer place for those who cannot defend themselves.”**

– Wayne Pacelle, HSUS



**“Greyhounds make wonderful friends! They are intelligent, sensitive and integrate into family life.”**

– Stefania Traini, PET Levrieri



## Kids for Greyhounds!

Every month, we receive requests from young people for materials to help promote compassion for greyhounds. We provide books, magnets, wristbands, buttons, information on greyhound adoption and more. This year, we visited hundreds of schools and in return, students held bake sales and special events to raise funds for our campaigns.

## Love on the Run

On your own or as part of a team, please run, walk or bike to spread the word that "Greyhounds Should Only Run for Fun." Participating volunteers raised over \$20,000 this year! Learn more at [run4fun.causevox.com](http://run4fun.causevox.com)



## Have a Heart

Throughout the year, GREY2K USA and the GREY2K USA Education Fund provide grants to adoption groups all around the world.

You can help, too. Bring a needy greyhound home! Read more at [GREY2KUSA.org/adoption](http://GREY2KUSA.org/adoption)

## That's Amore!

Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered for the greyhounds this year!

**Trish White** and the Pegasus Foundation made a grant of \$25,000 to support the GREY2K USA Education Fund's free programs for kids. Janet Swanson personally donated \$10,000. Read more at [GREY2KUSAedu.org/education](http://GREY2KUSAedu.org/education)



**Carla and Bryan Wilson** of Florida led a tireless effort to collect thousands of signatures and

win the votes needed to pass the Greyhound Protection Act of Seminole County. More at [protectdogs.org](http://protectdogs.org)



**Hervé Marysael** of Lissewege, Belgium donated his retirement bonus of €200 to GREY2K USA.

**Debbie Poust** of Pennsylvania raised \$400 for GREY2K USA in honor of her birthday.

**Caryn Wood** of Arizona researched the dog racing laws in her state and helped us close down Tucson Greyhound Park!

**Maureen Lucas** of North Carolina donated \$1,000 to help buy a new computer for the GREY2K USA office.

**Emily Aaron** hosted outreach tables with her newly adopted greyhound Lulu, who appears in this year's Greyhound Freedom calendar!



**Linda O'Kelly** of Vermont enrolled GREY2K USA in a Pet Food Warehouse's Wag it Forward Day, and customers donated \$400 to help the greyhounds!



**Alan Freed** organized rallies outside the Orange Park dog track every month.

**The ASPCA** provided \$25,000 in funding for the placement of our airport adoption ads.

## Continuing Compassion

Are you able to support our campaigns on a regular basis? Please sign up to make a scheduled gift in any amount at [GREY2KUSA.org/monthly](http://GREY2KUSA.org/monthly) or remember the greyhounds in your **will or trust**. Every dollar you give makes a difference for the greyhounds waiting to be saved.

## Love Letters

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

- **David Begnaud**, CBS Evening News, *Florida's Greyhound Racing May be Headed for the Finish Line*
- **Tim O'Brien**, Irish Times, *Greyhound Racing Told to Clean Up Its Act*
- **Mark Wilding**, VICE, *The Last Days of London's Dog racing Scene*
- **Jimmy Jenkins**, NPR, *Live Dog racing Comes to an End in Arizona*

Read all this year's greyhound news at [GREY2KUSA.org/news](http://GREY2KUSA.org/news)



"Cha-Cha broke a toe and was scheduled to be 'eliminated.' Thankfully, she came to me instead."  
- Anne Ellett, Crew, VA, USA



## Passion to Make a Difference

For a donation of \$50 or more, we will send you a beautiful 8 x 10 watercolor print of Gilby, one of our 2017 calendar dogs. For \$75, we will add a matching magnet!

Quantities are limited so please respond now. Use the enclosed envelope, call 866-2GREY2K or make a donation online at [GREY2KUSA.org/love](http://GREY2KUSA.org/love). The greyhounds will thank you!

## Keeping the Greyhounds Close



Did you know you can carry a greyhound in your pocket or purse? Join our exclusive club of greyhound credit holders! GREY2K USA receives \$50 for each activated card and a percentage of all purchases is donated right back to our campaigns. Learn more at [GREY2KUSA.org/creditcard](http://GREY2KUSA.org/creditcard).

## Counting the Ways

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2015 expenditures. You make our work possible!

- **Programs: 83% of all expenditures were used directly for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and investigations into the cruelty and killing of greyhound racing.**
- **Development: 10% of 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: 8% of expenditures paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our Massachusetts headquarters.**
- **Total Annual Expenses: \$583,726.**

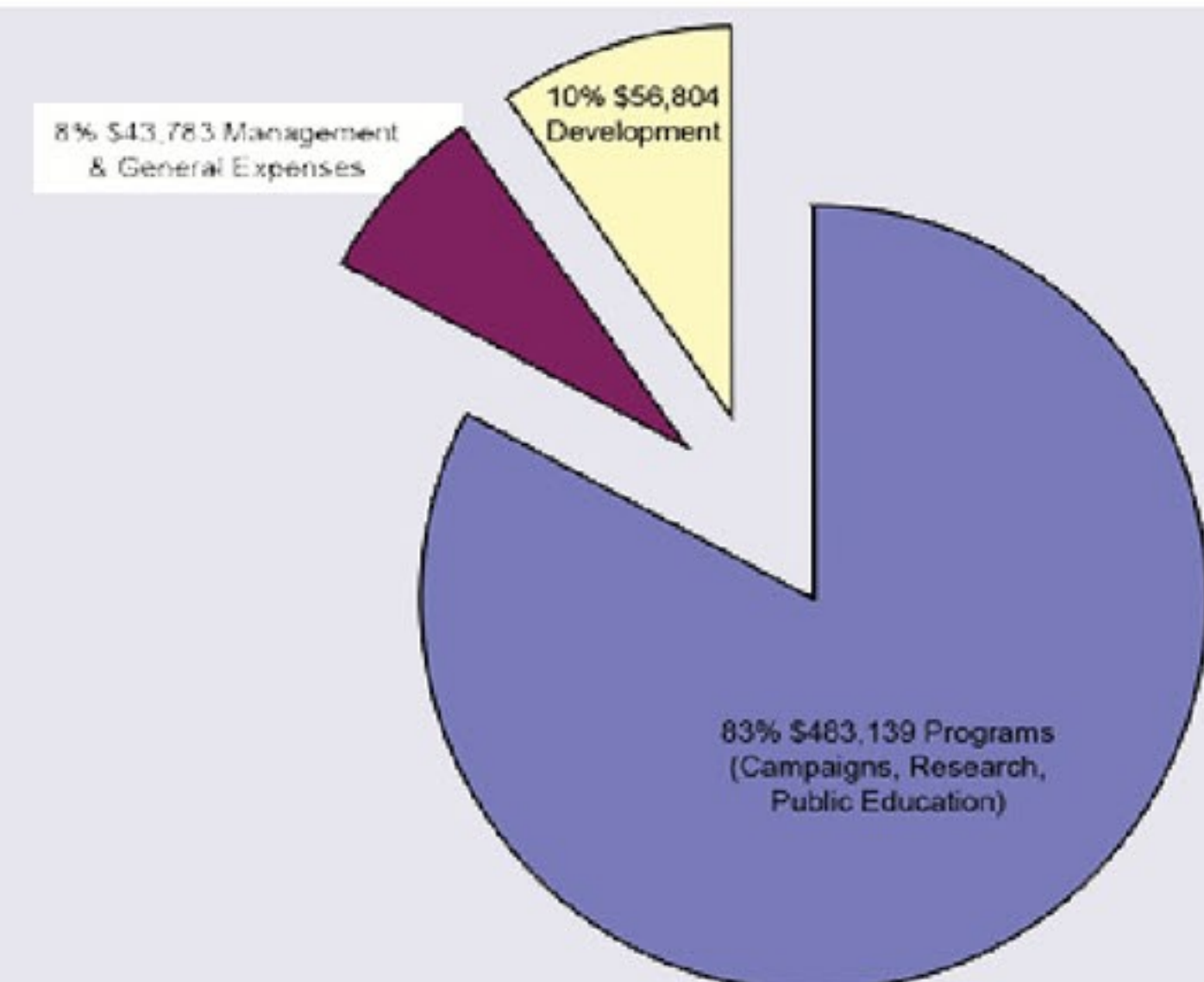
To view a copy of our latest tax returns, please go to [GREY2KUSA.org/who/finances](http://GREY2KUSA.org/who/finances).

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