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A Time for Courage

This newsletter is dedicated to Board Member Kathy Pelton, who served as our Director in the key state of Florida. Kathy died in October after a two-year fight with breast cancer.

Kathy gave presentations in schools, hosted outreach tables, volunteered at greyhound adoption centers, marched in parades, wrote letters to the editor, posted on message boards, met with her own lawmakers, donated money, held fundraisers — she never stopped working for the dogs, even when she became very sick. **Her courage must now be our courage.**

Our dear friend expressed one last wish to us before she passed away. She asked us to keep working to end greyhound racing and to free the dogs that she loved so much. The coming end to racing at her local track in Miami and the closure of the Canidrome in China made her realize that the mission of GREY2K USA Worldwide would come true, even if she would not live to see it. Please read more about these and other great victories for the greyhounds in the pages which follow.

True courage combines resilience, compassion and dedication. Kathy had all these traits and more. We have now created the **Kathy Pelton Courage Award** to be given to the volunteer who best emulates her steadfast determination to save the greyhounds. We can all honor her now by financially supporting the mission of GREY2K USA Worldwide, by volunteering and by never giving up until all greyhounds receive the second chance they deserve.

The GREY2K campaign needs us all now more than ever. **If you can give \$25 to help, please consider doubling it! Only YOU can empower us to succeed** — and succeed more quickly — in our mission to **ban dog racing in Florida and worldwide.**

For the greyhounds and for Kathy,



Christine Dorchak and Carey Theil, founders

Strength in Numbers

2017 will be recorded as the year when greyhound advocates from around the world truly joined hands for the first time. After the first Greyhounds Around the Globe

conference took place in late 2016, participants began sharing information, linking campaigns and creating a worldwide adoption network. The Canidrome dogs will soon be released to these groups, including 100 dogs to **Lévriers en Détresse in France** with an equal number going to **Pet Levrieri in Italy** and **Birmingham Greyhound Protection in the UK.**

The time has come for us all to work as one team. The cruelty of greyhound racing could not end soon enough and we are determined to stop it before it expands beyond the eight countries in which it already persists. **Please go online and sign our petition to the leaders of these jurisdictions, asking them to take a stand for the dogs at grey2kusa.org/petitions**

Compassion in Action

Throughout the year, **GREY2K USA Worldwide** and the **GREY2K USA Education Fund** provide grants to adoption groups all around the world, particularly in the US, UK and Ireland. We were proud to sponsor the annual events of **Kansas City REGAP** and **MotorCity Greyhound Rescue** with \$1,000 donations and we continue to send support to groups receiving dogs from closing dog tracks in particular.

The **Kathy Pelton Greyhound Adoption and Humane Education Fund** has been created to support this ongoing effort. Over \$5,000 was donated in memory of Kathy and will be used to help **Greyhound Friends for Life of California** rebuild its shelter after suffering major damage in the devastating wildfires of October and to assist with the release and rehabilitation of the Canidrome dogs.

You can help, too. Bring a needy greyhound home! Read more at grey2kusa.org/adopt



President Christine Dorchak with Macau Director Albano Martins and Massimo Grecco of Pet Levrieri of Italy



Millie of Australia



Lena of California

Goodbye Cruelty



We are delighted to announce that five tracks in three countries are dropping dog racing!

Hall Green Stadium of Birmingham, UK held its last race on July 29, on the track's 90th anniversary. This downtrodden facility once owned by a Prime Minister's daughter, is now set for demolition and redevelopment as a housing complex. This great change follows the **March 25 closure of London's last dog track at Wimbledon!**



The greyhounds cheered when **Miami's dog track** announced it is also **getting out of the business!**

One of our nation's original tracks, Flagler was once a popular haunt for famous celebrities like Frank Sinatra and sports legends Joe DiMaggio and Babe Ruth. But thankfully, times have changed and greyhound exploitation is no longer popular or acceptable.

Citing declining interest, another American dog track also decided to end dog races. On August 19, **Mobile Greyhound Park** followed **Victoryland** by holding its last live races, leaving just one remaining track in the state of Alabama.

Finally, **China's Canidrome**, where no dog ever got out alive, has confirmed that **it will end dog racing by July 21, 2018**.



As you read this, GREY2K USA Worldwide and **Pet Levrieri** of Italy are working with Albano Martins and **ANIMA Macau** to raise funds for the safe release of the remaining greyhounds. Learn more and donate to help transport 650 dogs to safety at grey2kusa.org/GoodbyeCruelty

You can receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds and read the month-to-month history of track closures since 2001 by ordering our 2018 Greyhound Freedom Calendar. All photos were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase supports our campaign to save the greyhounds. Call us at 866-2GREY2K to place your order or go to GREY2KUSA.org/calendar



Faces of Courage

With nearly a dozen operational tracks, Florida remains the heart of dog racing and a key state for greyhound advocacy. We thought you'd like to meet some of our friends in this important state.



Alan Freed and his team protest cocaine positive dogs at Bestbet Orange Park



Kate Reichelderfer helps raise funds for the greyhounds



Bryan Wilson collects signatures to end dog racing



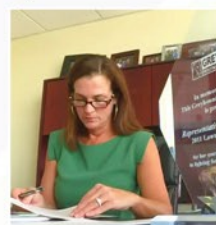
Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith sponsors our bills



Space Coast Animal Rights protests at Melbourne dog track



Kelly Driscoll hosts regular outreach tables



Senator Dana Young files our decoupling legislation



Bob Heisler leads rallies at Daytona Beach



Musette Hood lobbies for the greyhounds



Kelly Hyland and Chuck Danielan protest racing at Naples-Fort Myers

True Grit

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." This year, our research director Matt Read trained for months and then ran the Quebec City Marathon in record time, raising \$3,000 for the greyhounds!

Join in at grey2kusa.org/run4fun





Bold New Look

Want to learn more about dog racing and help end it at the same time? Check out our newly-designed, colorful and mobile-friendly

web site at grey2kusa.org. It is now easier than ever to get active and lend your support the greyhounds, anytime and anywhere!

Our Heroes



We would like to thank everyone who pitched in to raise funds for our campaigns this year!

Flatbread Pizza created a special charity cocktail and raised \$500 for the greyhounds.

Katie Farnan

hosted a special flash sale at Chicago's Kendra Scott Boutique and also raised \$500 – in just two hours!

Charming Charlies donated 10% of all purchases by GREY2K supporters over two days.

Kate Reichelderfer of Florida dedicated her 10th birthday party to GREY2K, raising \$700 from friends and family.

Scentsy consultants **Christina Johnson** of Massachusetts and **Mindy Geske** of California donated their monthly commissions to the greyhounds!

Ninth Grader **Tyler Irving** of Florida raised \$200 by selling handmade organic dog treats in his neighborhood!

GreaterGood created the Second Chance Fund to sponsor greyhounds leaving dog tracks. Learn more at grey2kusaedu.org

Monthly donors **David and Kathy French** of Kentucky traveled the world carrying our banner to spread the word that greyhound racing must end!

Lush Cosmetics donated \$17,000 to our Florida lobbying fund!



Show Your Dedication

Are you able to support our campaigns on an ongoing and regular basis? Would you like to make an honorary donation? Please sign up to make a scheduled gift in any amount at grey2kusa.org/monthly. Small or large, every dollar makes a difference for the greyhounds waiting to be saved.

Intrepid Friends

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



- **Jeannie Blaylock**, ABC First Coast News, Dog deaths spur push to end greyhound racing in Florida
- **Tamara Lush**, AP, Cocaine Found in 5 Greyhounds Following Florida Races
- **BBC News**, Hall Green greyhound stadium closes after 90 years
- **Duncan Strauss**, Washington Post, Greyhound races are a thing of the past. Here's why Florida still hasn't learned that
- **Carrie Fellner**, Sydney Morning Herald, Greyhound trainer and family banned over mass grave
- **Associated Press**, Florida Racing Greyhounds Test Positive for Cocaine
- **Paulo Coutinho**, Macau Times, Canidrome may have its days numbered

Read all this year's greyhound news at grey2kusa.org/news

Resilience Rewarded

In February, our President Christine Dorchak traveled to Washington, DC to accept the **2017 Care2 Impact Award** for our successful 10-year campaign to prohibit dog racing in Arizona. **Commercial dog racing is now illegal in 40 states!**



Bold Steps

In June, GREY2K USA Worldwide released the first international report on dog racing. Read Greyhound Racing on the World Stage at grey2kusa.org/worldwide

Hero Card

Join our club of greyhound credit card holders! GREY2K USA Worldwide 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



A Magical Way to Help Greyhounds

In honor of Magic the greyhound, one of the first dogs to be released from China's Canidrome, we are happy to send you a greyhound doll in his likeness! Baby Magic measures 5 in x 10 in and



comes complete with a personalized nametag that reads, "I was saved from the Canidrome."

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

Use the enclosed envelope or order online at grey2kusa.org/2017news

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.

President and General Counsel: Christine A. Dorchak; Vice President: Eric Jackson; Treasurer: Sherry Mangold; Secretary: Fred Barton; Directors: Joyce Carta, Kelly Driscoll, Kerry Elliman, Tom Grey, Jay Kirkus, Albano Martins, Darren Rigg, Charmaine Settle and Jeroen van Kernebeek; Executive Director Carey Theil, Communications Director Maria Moyser, Research Director Matt Read, Office Coordinator Caroline Williams, Communications Consultant Danielle Festa, Office Volunteer Julie Neubauer.

Meet our new board members and read their bios at grey2kusa.org/who

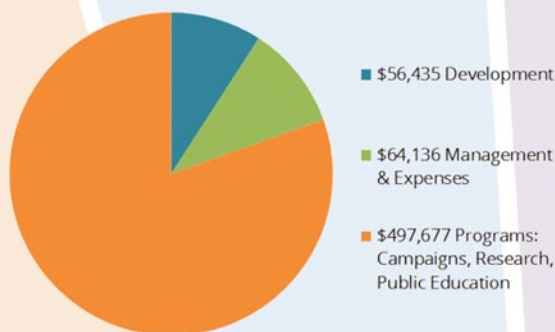
Greyhound Gina with Directors Fred Barton, Eric Jackson, Christine Dorchak, Carey Theil, Charmaine Settle and Jay Kirkus wearing "I Stand with Macau Greyhounds" campaign t-shirts.



Learn more at GoodbyeCruelty.org

Path to Victory

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2016 expenses. You make our work possible!



- Programs: 81% of all expenditures were used directly for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and public education about the cruelty and killing of greyhound racing.
- Development: 9% 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 supporter services.
- Management & General Expenses: 10% of expenditures paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our Massachusetts headquarters.
- Total Annual Expenses: \$618,248.

To view a copy of our latest tax returns, please go to grey2kusa.org/who/finances



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GREY2K USA Worldwide is a non-profit 501(c)4 advocacy located at 7 Central Street, 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 personal and corporate contributions. Since GREY2K USA actively lobbies for greyhound legislation, donations are not tax deductible.

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Learn how you can help save the greyhounds! grey2kusa.org/GoodbyeCruelty

