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*Photo by Robin Olive Reich*

# 2018

## Year of the Dog

GREY2K USA  
WORLDWIDE





## A Year to Make all Dog Lovers Proud

2018 has truly lived up to its name! The **Year of the Dog** has brought an end to dog racing in its original state and in its cruelest country.

**On November 6, the people of Florida voted to end dog racing.** An American invention, gambling on greyhounds was first authorized in the Sunshine State in 1931. Government-regulated tracks spread to 18 more US states and seven countries around the world. Some thought this cruelty would never end, but now the tide is turning.



**This newsletter is dedicated to our newly adopted dog, Brooklyn.** You may remember him as the poster child for our successful campaign



with ANIMA Macau and Pet Levrieri to close down China's only legal dog track, the Canidrome. **Now, this ten-year-old survivor will soon be safe with us in the United States.**

Please read more about these and other great victories for the greyhounds in the pages which follow. **If you can give \$10 or \$20 or even \$50 to help, please consider doubling it. Only YOU can empower us to succeed -- and succeed more quickly -- in our mission to stop the cruelty of dog racing worldwide.**

For the greyhounds,

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## Strength in Numbers

The time has now come for us all to work as one for the greyhounds. The cruelty of greyhound racing could

not end soon enough and we are determined to stop it worldwide. Please go online and sign our international petitions now.

[grey2kusa.org/petitions](http://grey2kusa.org/petitions)

## No Confidence

Last December, GREY2K released the first report on the rampant drugging of greyhounds in US racing. According to industry records, 906 drug positive were reported over the last decade, with 73 cocaine positives, the majority in the state of Florida. Read **No Confidence: Drugs in the American Greyhound Industry** at [grey2kusa.org/noconfidence](http://grey2kusa.org/noconfidence)



## **DOG RACING HAS A DRUG PROBLEM**

[Read the report](#)



## Compassion in Action

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

This year our emphasis has been on funding the safe release of nearly 600 greyhounds from the Canidrome. You, our supporters, donated over \$50,000 as part of our "Goodbye Cruelty" campaign. Please continue to support this effort and pick up one of our commemorative **Macau greyhounds fly free** mounted prints at [grey2kusa.org/2018news](http://grey2kusa.org/2018news)







This year, we were honored to sponsor dogs like Ethel, who was languishing in a Florida shelter but is now safe and

sound in Canada! Arnold was in a similar situation in Massachusetts. GREY2K is always on call to help pull greyhounds and greyhound mixes from high-kill shelters in the US, UK and around the globe.

You can help, too. Bring home a needy greyhound! Go to [GREY2KUSA.org/adopt](http://GREY2KUSA.org/adopt)

## Goodbye Cruelty

We are delighted to announce that GREY2K lent key support to **Kansas** advocates this year. Together, we successfully lobbied to defeat billionaire Phil Ruffin's eighth attempt to re-open three long-closed dog tracks!



## **Kudos to our Australian allies for prohibiting dog racing in the Australian Capital Territory.**

Additionally, the Towcester track became the latest track in the **United Kingdom** to go under. This is truly the beginning of the end of dog racing worldwide.

You can receive a special keepsake of rescued greyhounds and read the month-to-month history of legislative victories and track closures since 2001 by ordering our 2019 **Greyhound Freedom Calendar**. All photos were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase supports our campaign for the greyhounds. Call us at 866-2GREY2K to place your order or go to [GREY2KUSA.org/calendar](http://GREY2KUSA.org/calendar)



## Our Treasured Partners

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to raise funds for our campaigns this year!

**Eddie DeBartolo's dog Missy is featured in our new Greyhound Freedom calendar!**



- **Dr. Paula Kislak and Laura Kohn of California, Jan Uehlein of New Jersey, Abigail Cromwell and Karl Jablonowski of Washington, Jay Kirkus of Massachusetts, Tom and Kim Scholz of the band Boston, Mayme Gigl of Colorado, NFL Hall of Fame team owner Eddie DeBartolo and Joyce Carta, Marian Rees, Dr. Betsy Coville and Marian Lazarus of Florida** were all very generous to the hounds!
- **Monika Sudakov of Illinois** dedicated her book about personal survival through greyhound art to GREY2K!
- **Terry Garberg of Kansas** sponsored a series of billboards and print ads to protect greyhounds in her state.



- **Lush Cosmetics** donated \$17,000 to our **Florida** lobbying fund and held a week of in-store promotions to help end dog racing!







- Special thanks to the **1,000 volunteers** who put **Amendment 13** on the ballot in **Florida** and then worked for months to make history by ending dog racing in their state. **Carla Wilson** of Winter Park served as our statewide field director and did an excellent job!

- Rita Talkowski of Wisconsin** made dozens of handmade cookies for the Canidrome dogs! **Greyhound Adoption Western Australia** sold key rings and tees.



- Our friends at **Talbots** held a special sales event and donated 10% of the day's proceeds to support our humane education programs.

## Media Stars

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

- Patrick Boehler, NY Times**, A Greyhound Racetrack Meets its Demise
- Julia Jenae, ABC First Coast News**, Greyhound positive drug tests quadrupled in Florida
- Gabriel Pogrun, Washington Post**, It's a good bet dog racing may end
- Leila Macon, Agence France-Presse**, Greyhound racing in Florida may be on its last legs
- Casey Quakenbush, Time Magazine**, Macau's Abandoned Greyhounds See New Hope
- John Barr and Tonya Malinowski, ESPN**, Race to the Finish

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



## Hero Card

Join our club of greyhound credit card holders! GREY2K 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)



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, Tom Grey, Jay Kirkus, Albano Martins, Darren Rigg, Charmaine Settle, Sonia Stratemann and Jeroen van Kernebeek**; Executive Director **Carey M. Theil**, Communications Director **Maria Moyser**, Research Director **Matt Read**, Office Coordinator,



**Caroline Williams**, Communications Consultant **Danielle Festa**, Office Volunteer **Julie Neubauer**.

Meet our board members and read their bios at [GREY2KUSA.org/who](http://GREY2KUSA.org/who)







## 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](http://grey2kusa.org/monthly). Small or large, every dollar makes a difference for the greyhounds waiting to be saved.

Donate \$50 or more and receive a special **"Year of the Dog" mug and matching wristband.**

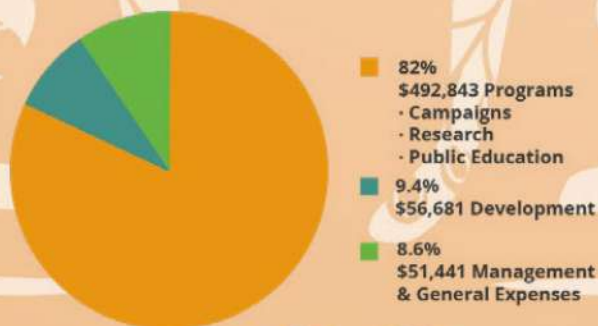
For a donation of \$75 or more, you may choose to receive a limited edition **I Stand with Macau Greyhounds** t-shirt. There are only 50 shirts remaining, so hurry! GREY2K campaign tees will be sent once this supply is exhausted.

Give \$100 or more and also receive a **Macau greyhounds fly free** mounted print signed by artist Danielle Festa. Donate at [grey2kusa.org/2018news](http://grey2kusa.org/2018news)



## Path to Victory

As we grow, GREY2K continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2017 expenses: You make our work possible!



Total Annual Expenses:  
\$600,965.

To view a copy of our latest tax returns, please go to [grey2kusa.org/finances](http://grey2kusa.org/finances)



Janet Swanson of Florida supports GREY2K's efforts to save greyhounds worldwide

## Stay Connected

Find us on your favorite social media platforms to stay up to date and learn how you can help.



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# TIMELINE TO FLORIDA VICTORY

On November 6, Florida's citizens voted 61-32 in support of Amendment 13 to phase out commercial dog racing by December 2020. We were proud to stand with our co-sponsors, the Doris Day Animal League, Animal Wellness Action and the Humane Society of the United States along with a strong coalition of bipartisan supporters including elected officials and candidates, businesses, media outlets, civic organizations, animal welfare organizations, local animal shelters, veterinarians, celebrities and more – all 400 calling for an end to greyhound racing. You can sponsor a hound at [grey2kusaedu.org/sponsor](http://grey2kusaedu.org/sponsor)

Beginning in the early 2000's, GREY2K USA files "decoupling" legislation to repeal state laws requiring dog racing to continue. Bills pass in the House and/or Senate, but never make it to the governor's desk for signature.



February – March 2018 – CRC considers over 100 proposals are considered but the "greyhound amendment" elicits the most testimony. GREY2K Executive Director Carey Theil and HSUS State Director Kate MacFall lead the charge. GREY2K President Christine Dorchak, one of the drafters of Proposal 67, presents a petition to the CRC with over 250,000 signatures in support of the measure.

July 27, 2018 – Doris Day endorses the greyhounds and donates \$1.5 million to the Yes on 13 campaign.



May 17, 2018 – Greyhound breeders file legal action to block greyhounds from the ballot.

October 5, 2018 – Our Greyhound Friendship – Yes on 13 Bus begins a ten-day tour of the state, visiting key cities to spread the word that dog racing is cruel and inhumane and must end. Longtime greyhound advocates and campaign organizers.

October 15, 2018 – Committee to Protect Dogs launches statewide TV campaign. Sonia Stratemann of Elite Greyhound Adoptions reveals the truth about the killing of greyhounds at Palm Beach and other tracks across the state.

November 6, 2018 – Florida citizens vote to prohibit dog racing 2-1. Tracks will wind down over 26 months, allowing greyhounds to be absorbed by waiting rescue groups all across the country. You can sponsor a hound here.

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October 31, 2017 - Senator Tom Lee of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) files Proposal 67 to repeal the authorization for dog racing in the state constitution. The measure looks to decouple and to prohibit commercial dog racing in Florida.



April 16, 2018 – Florida Constitution Revision Commission votes 27-10 to approve Proposal 67, now Amendment 13, for the November ballot. Attorney General Pam Bondi argues passionately for the greyhounds.

August 1, 2018 – Lower court strikes down Amendment 13 for 24 hours, our appeal stays the order.

September 7, 2018 – Florida Supreme Court upholds Amendment 13 as proper for the ballot. Hundreds of volunteers sign up to GOTV.



October 31, 2018 - The Protect Dogs - Yes on 13 campaign receives 500 endorsements - from celebrities like Ellen Degeneres, Bette Midler, Pierce Brosnan and Tom Scholz of the band Boston, from the Miami Herald, Tampa Bay Times and every major paper in the state, from candidates for Congress, a local church, civic groups, 100 local animal shelters, veterinarians and veterinary clinics, animal welfare organizations, companies and companies such as Lush Handmade Cosmetics, philanthropists like the NFL's Eddie DeBartolo, attorneys, current and former state lawmakers, greyhound adoption groups and two celebrity cats!



# TIMELINE TO MACAU VICTORY

**On July 21, China's only legal dog track closed its doors.** Dubbed the "worst dog track in the world," the Canidrome killed 400 greyhounds per year for more than a half a century. Losing, sick and injured dogs were replaced with a regular shipment of greyhounds from Australia, 30 each month. Because the track never had an adoption program, **every dog that was sent there died there.** Thankfully, following years of advocacy by GREY2K USA Worldwide working with ANIMA Macau and Pet Levrieri of Italy, **over 500 surviving greyhounds are now being airlifted to safety in the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom.** Meet some of the rescued dogs at [grey2kusa.org/goodbyecruelty](http://grey2kusa.org/goodbyecruelty)



**December 2012** – Humane groups around the world sign onto our letter, asking the Chief Executive of Macau to stop the killing of the greyhounds and release all the dogs, including Brooklyn, for adoption.

**September 2015** – GREY2K USA leads a ten-country candlelight vigil to #CloseTheCanidrome.

**July 2017** – The Chief Executive orders track owners Stanley and Angela Ho to end dog racing within two years. ANIMA, Pet Levrieri and GREY2K announce formation of international adoption network.

**June 2016** – Animal Rights Action Network hosts a 400-person march against dog racing in Dublin. We meet with lawmakers in Parliament to block export of more Irish greyhounds to Macau.

**June 30, 2018** – last races held at the Canidrome. Brooklyn is among the surviving dogs.

**December 2018** – GREY2K'S Gina meets her new brother, Brooklyn.

**December 2017** – Deprived of imported greyhounds, the Canidrome cuts the number of races in half.



**December 2015** – Airlines Down Under including **Qantas** and **Cathay Pacific** agree not to fly greyhounds to Macau, stopping the flow of Australian victims to the Canidrome.



**October 2013** – "Missing" posters go up in Macau and on social media worldwide demanding the release of Brooklyn.

**October 2011** – GREY2K Board Member **Charmaine** visits Macau to inspect the Canidrome. During her visit, she takes a photo of a **beautiful dog named Brooklyn**. She then meets with Albano Martins of ANIMA, who agrees to help #CloseTheCanidrome.

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**January 2012** – GREY2K releases white paper on the Canidrome, documenting 100 injuries per month and a population of 655 dogs. A full 20% are on the kill list

**January 2013** – The Macau government claims that **Brooklyn is still alive.**

**March 2014** – Dozens of international groups join in our efforts, including **Animals Asia, Greyt Exploitations, RSPCA, Animals Australia, SPCA Hong Kong, Greyhounds in Need, Greyhound Rescue Belgium and Friends of the Hound.** We ask



Australian Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce to criminalize the export of greyhounds to Macau.

**April 2016** – The Canidrome manages to obtain 9 more dogs from rogue Irish dog racers.



**September 2016** – Macau government passes a law prohibiting the killing of healthy dogs, protecting the majority of Canidrome dogs.



**July 21, 2018** – The Canidrome closes to the public and ANIMA volunteers are allowed to care for the dogs. Vets arrive from Australia to treat injuries and help the dogs back to health.