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This Year's Coverdog is Brooklyn
Brooklyn was held in a barren racetrack cage for eight years

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Celebrating Brooklyn, the Greyhound Who Sparked a Movement

This year's newsletter is dedicated to Brooklyn. **Our sweet boy was rescued from Macau, home of the worst dog track in the world.** He was kept in a barren and solitary concrete cell with metal bars. He never even had a bed to sleep on.

It was Brooklyn's sweet face that inspired us to work for eight years to set him free. In the end, the Chinese government agreed to rescind the track's license and release all the dogs.

Unfortunately, Brooklyn's early suffering and depravation are not the exception, but the rule for dogs who find themselves bred into the racing industry. And now, following more than two decades of intense advocacy, dog racing is illegal in 42 American states. Only two US tracks remain, both in West Virginia. But sadly, **more than 11,000 greyhounds have suffered terrible injuries and many died at the Tri State and Wheeling Island racetracks since 2008.** Imagine how many dogs are doomed to the same fate at more than 100 tracks around the world!

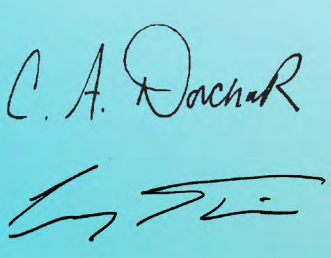


Thankfully, the trend is with the greyhounds. Measures to outlaw dog racing are now progressing through both the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments. Meanwhile, more than 100,000 people signed a petition to Westminster, urging the UK Parliament to phase out racing. And new polling shows that 74% of New Zealanders and 57% of Australians agree!

We cannot emphasize enough the need to redouble advocacy efforts at this key moment. **Now is the time to join hands and fight for the greyhounds with one strong international voice.** Our latest Greyhounds Around the Globe conference in Edinburgh brought together lawmakers, advocates and rescued greyhounds from ten countries. But this is just the start.

Significant resources will be needed for widening efforts. Let's work together to usher in the day when all greyhounds can finally run free across the globe.

Christine A. Dorchak and Carey Theil, Founders





Greyhounds Around the Globe



On September 16, greyhound advocates from ten countries gathered together for the third international **Greyhounds Around the Globe Conference** in Scotland. One dozen rescued greyhounds were also in attendance. Panels of lawmakers and non-profit leaders gathered throughout the day to discuss the politics of racing and the challenges of rescue, offering strategies and hope for a new day for gentle hounds!





The next step is to continue fighting, stronger together and united in the purpose of saving greyhounds worldwide. **To see videos of the conference and order a keepsake tote bag, please be sure to visit grey2k.org/greyglobe**



Giving Greyhounds Wings



Greyhound adoption has also become an international endeavor. In May, we helped our friends at Pet Levrieri purchase a new van to transport both Irish greyhounds and Spanish galgos to safety in Italy. We also made significant donations to groups in the United States, Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for a total of nearly $500,000 in grants since 2018.



TwinSpires is Betting You Don't Care About Dogs



As 2024 begins, our fight to end dog racing is expanding to meet new challenges. After years of declining attendance at actual racetracks, greyhound gambling has now gone online. And the biggest profiteer of internet wagering is Churchill Downs, through its subsidiary TwinSpires. That's why we flew a giant banner over the Kentucky Derby this year! You can help by signing our petition to the company at **grey2k.org/twinspirescruelty** today.

Remembering the Greyhounds



Remembering GREY2K USA Worldwide in your estate plans is a great way to ensure that the greyhounds will always have a voice. Contact your financial advisor or take advantage of our free and secure online tool to make a bequest, donate stock, or give through your IRA or trust account. Learn more at **grey2k.org/bequests** or email our President and General Counsel Christine Dorchak at **christine@grey2kusa.org** to discuss the tax advantages of creating a legacy for the hounds.

On the Campaign Trail

- **The Greyhound Protection Act** has garnered dozens of bi-partisan cosponsors in Congress! H.R. 3894 will outlaw dog racing nationwide, bar US gamblers from betting on foreign races and block the export of American greyhounds for racing elsewhere. **Find out how you can help at grey2k.org/saveusdogs**
- **The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission** called for a moratorium on new dog tracks in February following a Parliamentary petition brought by SAGE to outlaw dog racing! The **#UnboundTheGreyhound Coalition has been formed by OneKind** to further empower the campaign.



- **Hope Rescue Wales** filed an official petition to end dog racing with the support of the **#CutTheChase Coalition** consisting of **the RSPCA, Blue Cross, Dogs Trust** and **Greyhound Rescue Wales.**
- Responding to world outcry, the **Vietnamese government ordered its only operational dog track to close.** Lam Son held its last race in March, but the track owner is hoping to reopen. Please stay tuned for updates as we have them.





- In May, **the Connecticut House voted 119-23 to ban dog racing,** following a robust hearing with advocates and their greyhounds hosted by bill sponsor **Mike D'Agostino** and the General Law Committee.
- **Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed our bill to outlaw greyhound simulcasting in June.** H.B. 1041 was championed by House Majority Leader Monica Duran (D) and Minority Leader Mike Lynch (R).



Greyhound Freedom in Pictures



You can receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds and read the month-to-month history of legislative victories and track closures since 2001 by ordering our **2024 Greyhound Freedom Calendar**. All photos were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase funds our campaign for the greyhounds. Call us at 866-2GREY2K or go to **grey2k.org/calendar** today.

Greyhound Champions

GREY2K USA Worldwide Board Member Jay Kirkus raised more than **$14,000** for our international campaigns by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.





Katie Corcoran and Zoe Louise-Doyle of Greyhound Awareness Cork host monthly promenades with their greyhounds, Molly and Robert, to raise awareness about the cruelties of racing in Ireland.

When a fellow Philadelphia shopper admired **Lori Pasetti's** GREY2K tote bag and asked about our work, she passed it along with a smile. "Hopefully, someone will comment on it, and she will spread the word too!" said Lori.



First time adopter Glynnis Macdonald of Queensland, Australia was so moved by the scars on her dog Umi that she invited her local MP to her house so he could see them for himself.



SAFE sent paw-shaped cookies to the Racing Minister. With each bite, they hoped to remind Kieran McAnulty that the greyhound racing industry has no place in New Zealand.



Teen performers **Fools Gold** won a battle of the bands contest and **donated their $500 prize to GREY2K!**

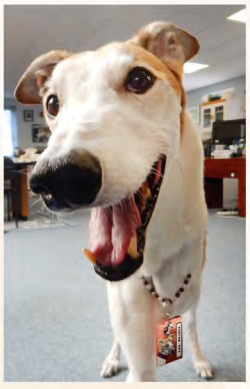
150 supporters of the **Greyhound Welfare Initiative** and **the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds** assembled overnight in response to horrific footage of greyhounds being kicked, punched and beaten in South Australia.

Brooklyn Goes Home:
The Rise and Fall of American Greyhound Racing and the Dog that Inspired a Movement



Brooklyn Goes Home is the story of the rise and fall of commercial greyhound racing in the United States and an account of how one small non-profit emerged to make an impact. It is also a remembrance of three glorious years spent with a magical dog who sparked a movement to end dog racing across the globe.

"Brooklyn Goes Home is about human love and compassion on the one hand and callousness and cruelty on the other. It's also the incredible account of how two brave and committed people successfully fought against a shameless, yet powerful, industry. Christine and Carey had little more than a belief in themselves and a shared love for their greyhound Brooklyn, but their determination has paid off for thousands of other dogs in the United States and worldwide. My greyhound and I recommend you read this stunning memoir!"



—**Dr. Jane Goodall**, DBE; Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace

Available from Lantern Books at **grey2k.org/brooklyngoeshome**

New ways to give!

Donor Advised Funds

Contributing to the GREY2K USA Education Fund via your donor advised fund (DAF) is a greyt way to simplify your charitable giving and help rescued greyhounds find loving homes. Every dollar you give supports our Second Chance for Greyhounds Fund, flying greyhounds to safety and underwriting shelter costs worldwide. **grey2k.org/DAF**



Spare Change for the Greyhounds

Here's a new and easy way to support GREY2K campaigns every day. When you enroll in our Harness Change program, your online purchases are automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar as a gift to the hounds. Register with your credit or bank card at **grey2k.org/harnesschange** today. ***Spare* change can really add up to make BIG change for the dogs!**

Got crypto?

Another way to support greyhound rescue is by donating cryptocurrency. It only takes a minute to sponsor a greyhound to freedom. When you donate, you will avoid capital gains taxes and receive a letter of full tax deduction. **Go to grey2k.org/crypto**





Thank you to the wonderful lawmakers leading the fight to end dog racing in Scotland and Wales!











Help Dogs like Brooklyn Go Home

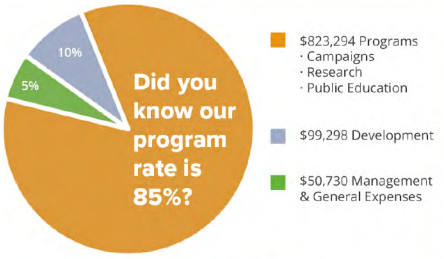
Big or small, every dollar you donate today brings needy hounds one step closer to safety and happiness. **If you are able to donate $55 or more, we will send you one of our new Brooklyn magnets and a matching notepad set!** With a donation of $75 or more, we will include a fine point "End Cruelty to Greyhounds" Brooklyn writing pen. And when you **give $125 or more, we will add a signed copy of our new book, Brooklyn Goes Home!**

Please use the enclosed envelope to reserve a Brooklyn Celebration Set or **go to grey2k.org/2023news today.**

Brooklyn Celebration Set



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Total Annual Expenses: $973,313

Thank you! We appreciate your continued support as we expand our efforts to save greyhounds worldwide. To view a copy of our latest tax return, please go to **grey2k.org/finances**.

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.

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