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## 2008: Victory in Massachusetts!

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**GREY2K USA**

PROTECTING GREYHOUNDS NATIONWIDE



# Founders' Message

## We've Only Just Begun

Dear Friends,

The greyhounds made history this year! On Election Day, the citizens of Massachusetts voted to outlaw dog racing 56-44, ending seventy-five years of cruelty in the Bay State. The Greyhound Protection Act passed in twelve of fourteen counties statewide!

This fantastic victory belongs to each of you.

Victory belongs to the original thirty people who met in 1999 to courageously file and bring the first petition to ban dog racing in the year 2000. To the citizen lobbyists who wrote to their lawmakers, spoke to their friends and families, and promoted greyhound adoption over these many years. To the thousands of people who contributed to the initial Grey2K Committee and then to GREY2K USA, beginning in 2001. To the 3,000 volunteers who collected over 150,000 signatures to place Question 3 on the ballot in 2008. Last but not least, to the citizens of Massachusetts who chose compassion over cruelty on November 4—This victory is yours!

With the recent closure of Mile High Kennel Club and the Woodlands, dog racing also ended in Colorado and Kansas this year. The trend is definitely with the greyhounds, but there is still much work to do.

Our long-awaited, hard-fought Massachusetts victory is certainly cause for "greyt" celebration. But we've only just begun and racing greyhounds in states like Florida, Texas, and Alabama are still waiting for our help.

Please consider adopting a greyhound in need this year, and please continue to support our work to end dog racing. Together, and only together, will we win the historic battle for greyhounds nationwide.

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.,  
President

Carey M. Theil,  
Executive Director

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## Canine Crusaders: Making Progress by Leaps and Bounds

Congratulations and thanks to all of the wonderful GREY2K USA volunteers who gave their time and effort to educating people in their communities about dog racing.

**Ken and Kathy Pelton**, along with **Judy Paulsen**, and **Chuck and Mary Danielian** organized a series of **rallies at Florida dog tracks**, and appeared in television and newspaper stories across the state.

The Powhatan, **Virginia Girl Scout Troop** handed out goody bags with dog biscuits and information about GREY2K USA during their annual pet care drive.

**Mississippi volunteer Stacie Chandler** set up a table at her local veterinarian's office, which has now become a permanent display.

**Karen Swistak** of Grouchos Buried Treasures hosted an outreach table for the greyhounds at the **2008 New Hampshire Pet Fest**. **Becky and Pete Bukowski** created a display for greyhounds at the **New Hampshire SPCA Homeless Animals Walk**.

GREY2K USA volunteers in **California, Connecticut, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, New York, and Rhode Island** hosted outreach tables at festivals, fairs, and craft shows throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Volunteers in **Massachusetts** campaigned for the greyhounds in **PetCo stores statewide**.

## Want to be a Canine Crusader?

E-mail us with your ideas and we will provide any materials you need!



## Three Special Greyhounds Come Home

In October, GREY2K USA received Snappy, Player, and Flywheel from the Animal Medical Center, a hospital in downtown Manhattan.

These three senior dogs had been used as on-site blood donors for years, but the Center recently decided to end this practice and release the dogs to us! They are now in good foster homes waiting for adoption.





Paula Blanchard & Hope



Zoe with a blessed biscuit



Ken Pelton & Christine with Big Ed at Miami rally



Wayne Sanborn & Rosie at the Blessing of the Animals



Girl Scouts from Powhatan, VA



Tinka Perry & Fanny leaflet in Boston Public Garden



Joanne Mills' Octoberfest Biscuit party



Drumming for the dogs at the Yes on 3 rally

## Special Friends to the Cause

Many members combined advocacy with fundraising for the greyhounds.

**Linda and Joseph Stuart** spoke at the **Saratoga Expo in New York**, and hosted **outreach tables** throughout the year, contributing hundreds of dollars to our ongoing efforts to end dog racing.

**Brooke Jankowski** of Plainwell, **Michigan** won a **\$50 prize** for GREY2K USA by giving a presentation at her school. Brooke is a high school freshman who dreams of becoming a **humane law officer**.

**Linda O'Kelly** of **Vermont** placed **donation jars** for the greyhounds at Pet Food Warehouse and several other pet supply stores in her state.

**Sandy and Jeff Bigelow** hosted a **benefit concert** at Speaker's Night Club in **Marlboro, Massachusetts**. Four bands, including their own, helped raise funds for the greyhounds.

**Melissa Dettlof** of **Michigan** raised **more than \$800** through her **Crafts for Critters** web site. She collected handmade gifts and then sold them to raise money for the greyhounds. All supporters received a button and bumper sticker from GREY2K USA

**Jay Kirkus** and **Leon Femino** threw a **party for the greyhounds** at the Red Fez in **Boston**, and **Jodie Wiederkehr** hosted a **Halloween Party**, contributing over \$3,000 to the Yes on 3 campaign fund.



## Big woofs from Snake...

to painters **Sarah Robertson** and **Peter Max**, rock star **Tom Scholz**, designers **Susan Kuehnhold** and **Denise McFadden**, accountants **Susan Schwab** and **Christine McKay**, attorneys **Abby Rudzin** and **Ann Hochberg**, voice artist **Jane Lueders**, photographer **William Wegman**, and cartoonist **Patrick McDonald**

...for sharing their gifts with the greyhounds this year.

Would You Like to Adopt a Greyhound?

[www.GREY2KUSA.org/adoption](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/adoption)



Jay Kirkus & friend at Yes on 3 fundraiser



Brooke Jankowski educates her neighbors about greyhounds



Sandy & Jeff Bigelow sing for the greyhounds



Pete Bukowski at the NH SPCA Homeless Animals Walk



Wendi Nasser collects signatures





Cloverleaf Greyhound Park auction



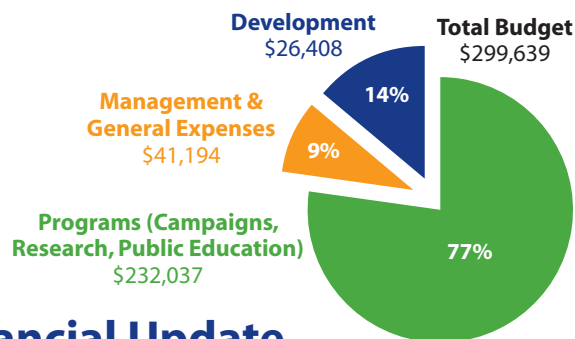
Amanda McDonald & friends rally for Massachusetts greyhounds

## The Year of the Greyhound: 2008 Accomplishments & Recognition

- **Dog tracks continue to close throughout the year!** As of 2008, both Mile High Kennel Club and Cloverleaf Greyhound Park of Colorado closed, followed by the Woodlands in Kansas, just four months ago. On Election Day, the citizens of Massachusetts ordered the closure of two more tracks, Raynham and Wonderland Greyhound Parks. *Let's keep the trend going!*
- **All bills to authorize statewide slot machines at dog tracks were defeated in Florida, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.**
- **GREY2K USA's legislation to restore racing greyhounds to the anti-cruelty statute in New Hampshire passed, and was signed by Governor Lynch.** Greyhounds will now receive the same legal protection as other dogs in the state!
- **GREY2K USA President and General Counsel Christine Dorchak** was asked to address **NYU** law students on the legal issues surrounding ballot initiative campaigns. Christine also spoke before the **Taking Action for Animals** conference and at **AR 2008**, both in **Washington, DC**.
- **For the first time, churches joined in the fight to end dog racing.** In Massachusetts, the Council of Churches dedicated all of its Blessing of the Animals services to the greyhounds suffering at local racetracks.
- **GREY2K USA Executive Director Carey Theil received the official Hero Award at the 10th Annual PetRock Festival.** Every year, thousands of dollars are raised for animal shelters and rescue groups at this wonderful charitable event.
- **Christine Dorchak and her dogs were featured on Animal Inventory TV**, a monthly program about people and their Best Friends. See Christine's episode at [www.animalinventory.tv](http://www.animalinventory.tv).

## Grants Awarded

Supporting the wonderful efforts of greyhound rescue groups nationwide is an important part of our mission. Grants were made to many groups across the country, including **Kansas City Retired Greyhounds as Pets**, **Arizona Greyhound Rescue**, **Greyhounds Galore** and **Greyhound Friends** of Georgia, **USA DOG** of Indiana, **Second Chance for Greyhounds** and **Greyheart Greyhound Rescue** of Michigan, **Wine Country Greyhounds** and **Golden State Greyhound Adoption** of California, **Greyhound Companions** of New Mexico, **Greyhound Gang** of Utah, and **Freedom Greyhound Rescue** of Ohio.



## Financial Update

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2007 expenditures.

**Programs:** 77% of all contributions were used directly for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and public education about the cruelty of greyhound racing.

**Development:** 14% 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:** 9% of the budget paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our headquarters.

Tax returns prepared by Kenneth Bucci, CPA, Stoneham, MA

## Greyhound Racing Trends

After the recent end to dog racing in Colorado, Kansas, and now Massachusetts (effective 2010), **greyhound racing remains legal and operational in just 10 states!** There are a total of 30 tracks in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. GREY2K USA's goal is to educate the public about the plight of greyhounds in these states, and to work in the legal process to end dog racing nationwide.

To learn more, please go to [www.GREY2KUSA.org/action](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/action).

## How Does Your Gift Help Greyhounds?



\$50 allows us to print over 1,000 color flyers about greyhound racing. \$250 buys a local radio ad. \$350 allows us to publish a print ad in a national magazine. \$1,000 or more helps us provide working lobbyists in key racing states.

**Please help us spread the word that greyhound racing must end!**

# Give Today!

From an original design by Gudi Gilbert of Germany, show your greyhound love every day! For a donation of \$50 or more, we'll send you one of our **\*\*special edition\*\*** greyhound tote bags. This 100% cotton bag is 15" x 13" x 3" and includes a free campaign button! To get yours, visit [www.GREY2KUSA.org/gifts](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/gifts) or use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter.



## Three Simple Ways to Make a BIG Difference

### 1 Spread the Word

- Share this newsletter or download a PDF from our Web site and e-mail it to friends.
- Sign up for e-mail Action Alerts from our web site and forward them to friends.
- Share your thoughts about greyhound racing on social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, and Best Friends Network.
- Put a GREY2K USA bumper sticker on your car. Order one today at [www.GREY2KUSA.org/gifts](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/gifts).

### 2 Make a Donation

- Make a generous contribution today—or register as a **monthly donor!**
- Include GREY2K USA in your **will or trust**.
- Shop on iGive.com, use Goodsearch.com, or donate a portion of your eBay sales through the eBay Giving Works program.
- Visit [www.GREY2KUSA.org/support](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/support) for details about these and other programs.

### 3 Adopt a Greyhound

- For a list of adoption organizations across the country, visit [www.GREY2KUSA.org/adoption](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/adoption).

## GREY2K USA Education Fund Launches New Ad Campaign

We released three new print ads this year, focusing on racing injuries, humane choices, and adoption. These now appear regularly in *Animal Wellness Magazine*, *E/The Environmental Magazine*, *American Prospect*, *Animal People*, *Veg News*, and coming soon, *O!* For the first time, our ads are also carried on-line in the *Boston Globe*, *American Prospect*, and *American Dog Magazine*.

If you would like to sponsor an ad, please contact us immediately. Education is the key to protecting greyhounds nationwide! For more information about the GREY2K USA Education Fund, visit [www.GREY2KUSAEDU.org](http://www.GREY2KUSAEDU.org).

## Special Thanks

GREY2K USA especially thanks the MSPCA-Angell, the Humane Society of the United States, the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and all those who endorsed and supported Question 3!



Each year,  
thousands of greyhounds are  
seriously injured while racing.



**Help close dog tracks nationwide.**

Volunteer ▶ Donate ▶ Spread the Word



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[myspace.com/protectdogs](http://myspace.com/protectdogs)  
1.866.2GREY2K

A racing greyhound  
spends 20 hours a day in a cage.

If he could choose,  
which do you think he'd prefer?



**Act today to help end dog racing.**

Volunteer ▶ Donate ▶ Educate

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## Why is this greyhound smiling?

To find out, visit:

**[www.grey2kusaedu.org/gracie](http://www.grey2kusaedu.org/gracie)**  
or **[myspace.com/protectdogs](http://myspace.com/protectdogs)**

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[grey2kusaedu.org](http://grey2kusaedu.org)



# Start the year right and give a lasting gift to the greyhounds!

For a list of all the ways you can give, visit [www.GREY2KUSA.org/support](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/support).





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Thanks for  
"barking the vote"  
in 2008!



Photo by Jed Winer



Zoe campaigns for Question 3



Yes on 3 volunteers  
celebrate in Boston



Carter Luke, Christine & Carey  
address volunteers on election night



Countdown to victory!

## A Landslide Victory for Massachusetts Greyhounds!



Volunteers at Yes on 3 rally on the Boston Common, Nov. 2, 2008