


The Fight to **END** Dog Racing Nationwide

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GREY2K USA IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

dedicated to passing stronger greyhound protection laws and ending the cruelty of dog racing. Founded in 2001 by attorney Christine Dorchak, political activist Carey Theil and veterinarian Dr. Jill Hopfenbeck, GREY2K USA has become this country's leading greyhound advocacy organization. We work from coast to coast, fighting for greyhounds in state legislatures, at the ballot box, and in the courts.

The inspiration behind GREY2K USA dates back to 1992, when my dog Kelsey and I were struck by a speeding train, and thrown under the wheels. Kelsey managed to pull us slightly off course, preventing a head on collision—and saving both of our lives. Even so, we both suffered serious injuries, and I was pronounced dead on the scene. Miraculously, I was somehow revived on the way to the hospital. And when I awoke from a coma several weeks later, my only words were, "How's Kelsey?"

My dear Kelsey had suffered a broken hip the day of our accident, but she went to live until the age of fifteen. It is Kelsey's inspiration that continues to motivate my work for dogs each day.

In recent years, GREY2K USA has been instrumental in fighting for stronger laws to protect racing greyhounds. In Massachusetts and New Hampshire, we successfully passed open records laws requiring that dog tracks begin reporting the numbers and types of injuries suffered by racing greyhounds, and also inform the public about the fate of dogs after racing. These records are now available on our Web site, and we continue to push for universal reporting requirements nationwide.

GREY2K USA has worked with lawmakers to close down dog tracks in several states, and as of the writing of this article, is working to pass Question 3, the Massachusetts Greyhound Protection Act, a ballot question to phase out dog racing at Wonderland and Raynham Greyhound Parks by 2010. (*Note: Question 3 overwhelmingly passed!*)

Massachusetts remains one of only 11 states that still allows commercial dog racing—a cruel "sport" that forces greyhounds to spend most of their lives in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up



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(ABOVE) Grey2k USA mascot, Gracie. Photo by Denise McFadden.

(LEFT) Zoe Campaigns. Photo courtesy of GREY2K USA.

(BELOW) Christine and Zoe. Photo courtesy of GREY2K USA.

or turn around. Many greyhounds are seriously injured while racing, and thousands are killed each year when they can no longer compete. My newly adopted greyhound, Zoe, is one of the lucky ones. As Kelsey before her, she gives life to this struggle and reminds me that every dog deserves to be loved.



A total of thirteen tracks has closed or ended live dog racing since GREY2K USA's formation. To learn the facts about dog racing, and to join our fight to end the cruelty of dog racing nationwide, please go to www.grey2kusa.org. 

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