

# the Advocate

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**2009:**  
**The Tide is Turning**  
**for Greyhounds!**

**This Year's Coverdog is Zoe**



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## Ride the Wave

### Adopt a Greyhound!



"Cha-Cha broke a toe and was scheduled to be 'eliminated.' Thanks to the good folks at VA Greyhound Adoption, she came home to me instead." – Anne Ellett, Crewe, VA.

Dogs like Cha-Cha are waiting for your call right now. To find the rescue group nearest you, click on **Adoption** at [GREY2KUSA.org](http://GREY2KUSA.org).



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## Help Spread the Word...

1. Pass along this newsletter (or download a PDF of it from [GREY2KUSA.org](http://GREY2KUSA.org)) to share with friends and family!
2. Put a GREY2K USA bumper sticker on your car or wear a campaign button or t-shirt. Get them at our web site shop.
3. Share your thoughts about greyhound racing—and link to us—from your blog.
4. If you live in a dog racing state, sign up as an official state captain. For details, contact [info@GREY2KUSA.org](mailto:info@GREY2KUSA.org).

# A New Wave for Greyhound Advocacy

Dear Friends,

These are truly good times for greyhounds! When we formed GREY2K USA in 2001 with Dr. Jill Hopfenbeck, we were determined to launch political campaigns to help end greyhound suffering nationwide. Wealthy track owners vowed to fight us until the end. One even sued us for \$10 million, hoping to keep us quiet. But these tactics didn't work.

Since 2004, 18 tracks have closed for live racing all across the country: Apache (AZ), Belmont (NH), Cloverleaf (CO), Corpus Christi (TX), Dairyland (WI), Geneva Lakes (WI), Hinsdale (NH), Jacksonville (FL), Mile High (CO), Multnomah (OR), Plainfield (CT), Seabrook (NH), Shoreline Star (CT), Tampa (FL), Wichita (KS), Wonderland (MA), The Woodlands (KS) and Valley Park (TX). We are also working to add Twin River (RI) to this list.

Two more (Raynham in MA and Phoenix Greyhound Park) are slated to close by New Year's Eve. Once these tracks close there will be 23 operational tracks in eight states.



Christine (above) & Carey (below) rally for the greyhounds in RI.



The tide is definitely turning for the greyhounds. See "Ride the Wave" in these pages for ways you can make a difference in the lives of thousands of greyhounds!

To receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds and to read the story of our successful campaigns to date, please order our

first-ever Greyhound Advocates calendar. Every purchase will support our efforts to end dog racing nationwide. Visit us at [GREY2KUSA.org](http://GREY2KUSA.org) to get yours today.

But quantities are very limited. We can only accept orders online, and for as long as supplies last. Get yours today! The greyhounds will thank you and so will we.

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## Wave Makers

- Board member **Charmaine Settle** led testimony to defeat H.B. 1095 which would have re-introduced dog racing in Colorado. Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, Colorado Humane Voters League and HSUS joined in opposing this measure.
- Prospect Hill Academy** students wrote to the Cambridge (MA) City Council thanking them for a unanimous vote against dog racing.
- Catherine Blake** sent Valentines to NH lawmakers prior to a February hearing on GREY2K USA's bill to end dog racing.
- Maru Vigo** gave a presentation about greyhound racing to the **University of Arizona Student Animal Legal Defense Fund**, encouraging students to join GREY2K USA's campaign. She also participated in rallies for the dogs in **Tucson**.
- Debbie Jordan** and students from **Walpole (MA) High School** greeted walkers and distributed buttons at the **Woburn Pet Walk**.
- Students from the **Animal Legal Defense Fund**, professional paralegals and interns worked for months, researching and writing state histories of dog racing for our web site.
- Education Fund board member **Lorraine Nicotera** tabled for the greyhounds at the Boston Vegetarian Food Festival where event organizer **Evelyn Kimber** donated tabling space.
- Florida residents **Chuck and Mary Danielian**, **Judy Paulsen** and **Ken and Kathy Pelton** tabled at many events (including Barkapalooza and Pets on Third) and held rallies at Florida dog tracks.
- Defenders of Animals, VSA**, the **Humane Association of NW RI** and the **West Warwick Angels** joined GREY2K USA to rally for the greyhounds at Twin River (RI). The event was covered by TV stations and print media throughout the state.
- Becky Bukowski** hosted a table at the **Concord-Merrimack SPCA Walk** (NH) and **Jackie Lippman** attended the Cambridge (MA) Riverfest with her dog Wendy.



One of the Prospect Hill Academy Students



Maru Vigo (right) campaigning in Arizona.



Wendy with a little girl at Riverfest in Cambridge.

## Media Spotlight

GREY2K USA would like to thank the following members of the media for their coverage of our campaigns this year:

- Michael Mooney**, reporter for Florida's *New Times*
- Amy Wang**, reporter for the *Arizona Republic*
- William Petroski**, reporter for the *Des Moines Register*
- Avi Nelson**, host, WRKO-AM Radio in Boston
- Eric Tucker**, reporter for the Associated Press
- Jessica Scarpatti**, reporter for the *Brockton Enterprise*
- Paula Abeles**, host of Sins of Omission Internet Radio
- Peggy Fikac**, Austin Bureau Chief for the *Houston Chronicle*
- Tim Vanderpool**, reporter for the *Tucson Weekly*
- Plus **Deno and Jorge of Seder Productions** who created our video!

Sign up for our "Greyhounds on the Beach" credit card today. (Click Shop on our web site home page). GREY2K USA receives \$50 for each activated card used within 90 days of approval. Every purchase thereafter generates a donation for the greyhounds!



## High Tide Marks

- After intense lobbying from thousands of GREY2K USA supporters, the Massachusetts Senate overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to extend the effective date of the Greyhound Protection Act. **Dog racing ends on December 31, 2009, thanks to the passage of Ballot Question 3!**
- Tracks closed first in New Hampshire (2), then Texas (1), Arizona (1), Massachusetts (2) and Wisconsin (1), setting a record for the number of tracks to close in a single year. Let's keep the tide turning!
- GREY2K USA issued the first injury records for greyhounds who raced in **Arizona, Iowa, Texas, West Virginia** and **Wisconsin** and began releasing state-by-state racing fact sheets.

## Ride the Wave

### Follow Us!

Follow GREY2K USA on Facebook ([facebook.com/grey2kusa](https://facebook.com/grey2kusa)), Twitter ([twitter.com/grey2kusa](https://twitter.com/grey2kusa)) or MySpace ([myspace.com/protectdogs](https://myspace.com/protectdogs)). Or, sign up for our Action Alerts at [GREY2KUSA.org](https://GREY2KUSA.org) to get the latest news.



## Education Fund Activities

The mission of our sister organization, the GREY2K USA Education Fund, is to inform the public about the cruelty of dog racing and to promote adoption nationwide. Along with its ongoing **Greyhounds in the Classroom Program**, which provides free presentations to schools, the organization gives grants to rescue groups nationwide:

- After the abrupt closure of Guam Greyhound Park, the GREY2K USA Education Fund made **emergency donations to Shirley Miller and Guam Animals in Need (GAIN)** to help with the rescue and rehabilitation of hundreds of abandoned greyhounds.
- Other recipients included **Homestretch Greyhound Rescue & Adoption** and the **Greyhound Adoption Center**, both of **California**, and **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico**.

And, in September, the Education Fund began sponsoring a **segment about greyhounds on PBS**, now airing across the country. Please look for it! To learn more about the organization, visit [GREY2KUSA.EDU.org](https://GREY2KUSA.EDU.org).

## International Waves

For the first time, GREY2K USA was called upon to help greyhounds internationally. Early in 2009, we met with representatives of **South Africa** about a potential push to legalize dog racing there.

Responding to similar threats in the **Caribbean, Jamaica** and the **Philippines**, we responded with letters to officials, radio interviews and commentaries for area newspapers. After receiving information from GREY2K USA and greyhound rescue groups worldwide, Prime Minister Bruce Golding announced that Jamaica **will not legalize the cruelty of dog racing**. We will continue to monitor these international situations and keep you posted.

## Financial Update

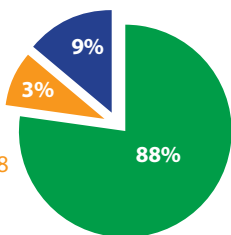
GREY2K USA is committed to using resources efficiently. In 2008, 88 cents of every dollar donated went directly to our programs. For more details, visit [GREY2KUSA.org/about/finances.html](https://GREY2KUSA.org/about/finances.html).

**Programs (Campaigns, Research, Public Education):** \$439,543

**Development:** \$47,528

**Management & General Expenses:** \$14,928

**Total 2008 Budget:** \$501,999



*Strider, courtesy of Judy Paulsen, Albuquerque, NM.*

## Surf the Web to Help Greyhounds

Over the past year, we've made some great enhancements to our web site to provide the most in-depth information available on the history and status of greyhound racing across the country. Visit [GREY2KUSA.org](https://GREY2KUSA.org) and:

- **MEET:** Pay a virtual visit to the GREY2K USA headquarters, meet some of our board members and applaud the incredible volunteers featured in the **new video** accessible from our home page.
- **LEARN:** Read our **multi-state fact sheets** on racing injuries and our state-by-state histories under **About Dog Racing**.
- **SHOP:** Visit our **Shop** page and gear up with **calendars, t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers** or **tote bags**. We also offer handmade **notecards, water color prints, jewelry** and even **greyhound dolls** for the kids.

## Ride the Wave

### Give for the Greyhounds!

Please click **Donate** on [GREY2KUSA.org](https://GREY2KUSA.org) and give generously today. Your gift will be used to maintain a strong lobbying effort for the dogs all across the country. You can also join our **Gracie Club** as a monthly donor or include GREY2K USA in your will, trust or stock grant.



## Big Kahunas

- Oprah Winfrey's March **O Magazine** included a free, full-page ad for GREY2K USA. **American Dog, Animal Wellness** and **E, the Environmental Magazine** also ran *pro bono* print and online ads.
- Ten-year-old **Drew Smith, her sister** and friends **Julia and Rachel** hosted dog washes, posted signs and went door-to-door in their Nevada community to raise \$150 for the greyhounds. Good work girls!
- **JoJean Marshall** dedicated her annual Greyhound Gathering in Ohio to GREY2K USA and the Greyhound Project, raising \$600!
- **Renee Cotton** and her **Gallopig Greyhounds Play Group of Ontario** and **Linda and Joseph Stuart of New York** donated hundreds of dollars through year-round outreach activities.
- **Vicky I, Lucy Leu and their families** recognized us with their 2009 Dana gift. "Dana", in Buddhism, signifies the practice of generosity.
- **Soho artist David Welker** donated the proceeds of one of his sales to GREY2K USA and **Valarie Wolf of California** designed and produced new notecards for our Shop page.
- Major campaign gifts were given by **William Alexander (CO), Paula Blanchard (MA), William Suddaby** and **Ed DeBartolo (both of FL), Dorrit Egli (CA)** and GREY2K USA board members **Charmaine Settle** and **Michael Trombley**.
- Monthly Gracie Club donors, like **Joan Heck (LA)**, sustained our work throughout the year.
- *The GREY2K USA Education Fund would especially like to thank **David Vaughn** and **Dr. Jill Hopfenbeck** for their very generous grant of \$10,000.*