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Global Effort Launched to End Greyhound Racing

Boston, MA – The leading opponent of greyhound racing in the United States, GREY2K USA, today announced a new push to end dog racing worldwide.

"Commercial greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane, and should end wherever it exists," said GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak. "Although the United States will remain our primary focus, we will now expand our mission to fight for greyhounds across the globe."

Commercial greyhound tracks are operational in eight countries: Australia, China, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam. In the United States, 27 tracks have closed or ended live racing since 2001. Gambling on American dog races has declined for twenty consecutive years.

"Dog racing is dying in most countries," said GREY2K USA Australian Director Jeroen van Kernebeek. "In the few countries where it is still a significant industry, such as Australia, it has not been seriously challenged. That will change with the formation of GREY2K USA Worldwide."

GREY2K USA has already partnered with <u>Animals Australia</u>, <u>Animals Asia</u> and <u>Anima</u> in a campaign to close the only legal dog track in China. Also, the group will soon announce a collaboration with the <u>League Against Cruel Sports</u> to address greyhound racing in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Other strategic allies include the <u>ASPCA</u>, <u>Greyt Exploitations</u> and the <u>Greyhound Protection League of New Zealand</u>.

"Since GREY2K USA was established, awareness of the animal exploitation that occurs on greyhound racetracks has increased, resulting in a steady decline in the number of states that allow this cruel activity to take place," said Ann Church, vice president of state affairs for the ASPCA. "They use facts rather than emotion to make the compelling case that dog racing must stop. The industry cannot out maneuver their logic or determination, and the ASPCA is proud to work with them."

About GREY2K USA

Formed in February of 2001, GREY2K USA is the largest greyhound protection organization in the United States with more than 50,000 supporters. As a non-profit 501(c)4 organization, the group works to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and end the cruelty of dog racing on both national and international levels. GREY2K USA also promotes the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe. For more information, go to www.GREY2KUSA.org or visit GREY2K USA on Facebook or Twitter.

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