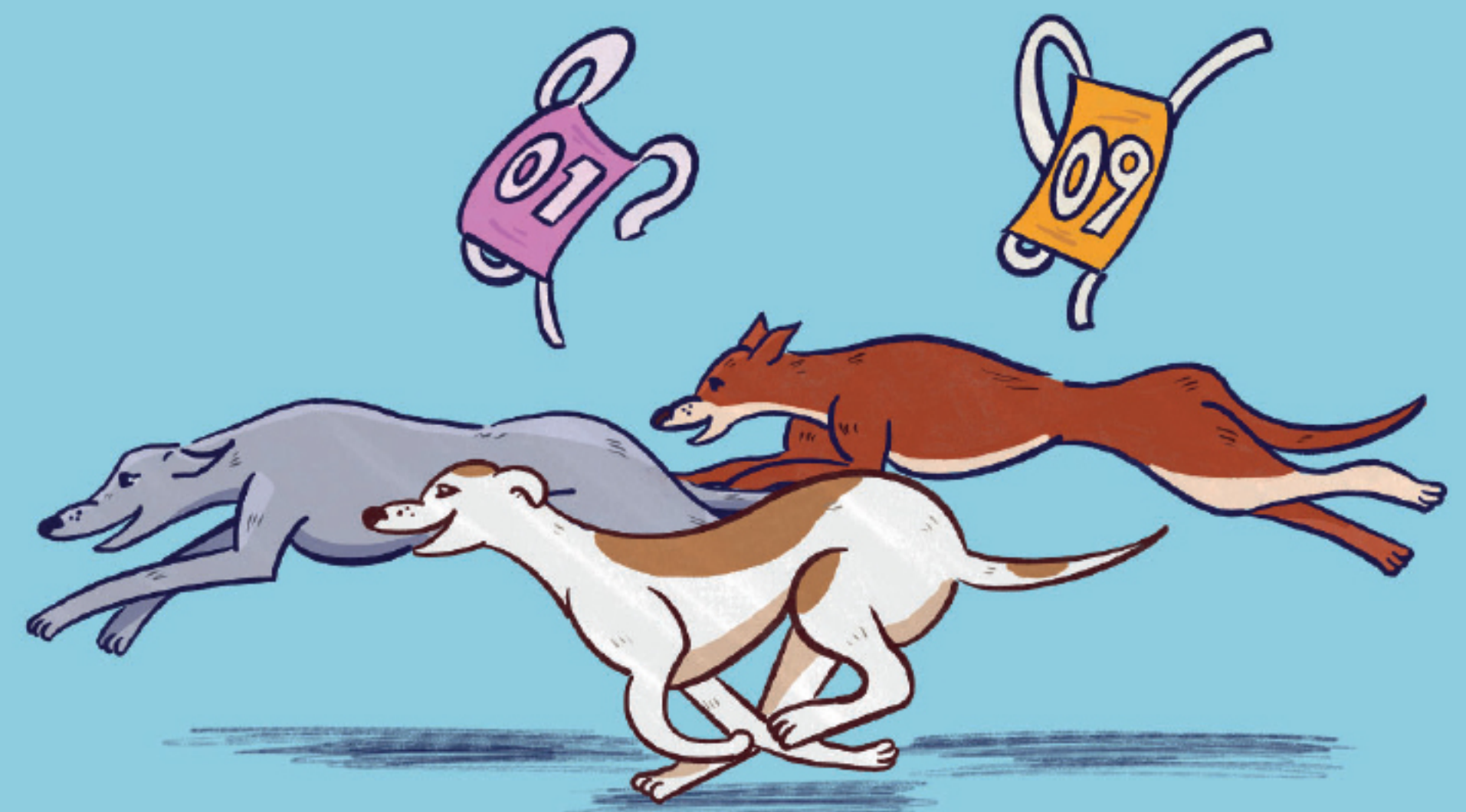


VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Formed in 2001, GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection organisation in the world. As a non-profit entity, we work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and end the cruelty of dog racing on both national and international levels. We also promote the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe.

Our vision is for a world where greyhounds are no longer treated as racing machines, and allowed to become the wonderful family friends we know them to be.

Let's get an end to dog racing across the finish line



OUR STRATEGY

LEGISLATE

We work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and prohibit dog racing in the United States and around the world.

INCREASE AWARENESS

We continually document the cruelty of dog racing through reports, conferences, petitions, action alerts and social media.

PROMOTE ADOPTION

We regularly promote greyhound welfare and adoption and sponsor lucky hounds to freedom as tracks close.

FIND OUT MORE BY VISITING WWW.GREY2KUSA.ORG.

A PHASED END TO GREYHOUND RACING



Greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane, and out of step with the humane values we all share. It should be phased out. The life of a racing greyhound is dominated by confinement, limited socialisation, injury and death, drugging and overbreeding.

CONFINEMENT

Greyhounds are kept confined in solitary cages for long hours each day. They have little opportunity for social interaction with people or other dogs. Some are also constantly muzzled, a kind of cage within a cage.



DRUGGING



GBGB's own records show that performance-enhancing drugs are used to dope dogs and fix races. These illegal substances expose greyhounds to the risk of neurological and muscular abnormalities, increased heart rate, convulsions, vomiting and lethargy.

INJURIES AND DEATHS

Greyhound racing is inherently unsafe. At tracks across the world, fragile greyhounds face death and injury at every turn, routinely suffering broken legs, crushed skulls, paralysis, heart attacks and other serious injuries.



BREEDING



Thousands of puppies are bred every year to supply the industry, creating a culture of waste. This oversupply puts significant pressure on volunteer rescue groups, and the sad result is that healthy dogs are regularly killed due to a lack of homes.

GREYHOUND RACING IN THE UK

Greyhound racing is an industry in steep decline worldwide and the United Kingdom is only one of seven countries where it persists. At its peak there were hundreds of tracks in the UK. But public tastes have changed dramatically following education about the cruel treatment of dogs, as well as competition from other, more modern forms of gambling.

There are now just 22 greyhound racing tracks remaining in the UK. Twenty of these are licensed by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB). But the single Scottish track is not regulated at all. Thornton is what is known as an independent 'flapper track.' The remaining track in Northern Ireland is controlled by the Irish Coursing Club.

Injury and death among racing dogs is inherent within the industry but the true extent of this is unknown as there is no public disclosure as to the number of injuries and fatalities at unregulated tracks. The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission (SAWC) found all racing greyhounds face inherent risk of injury or fatality and other welfare harms, regardless of whether a track is independent or regulated.

GBGB figures show that 22,284 injuries were recorded and 2,718 greyhounds died between 2018-2022 on registered tracks in the UK. This is in addition to the dogs who are deemed unsuitable for racing and simply discarded. Most dogs raced in the UK are bred in Ireland. It is believed that over 6,000 greyhounds are exported to the UK from Ireland every year.

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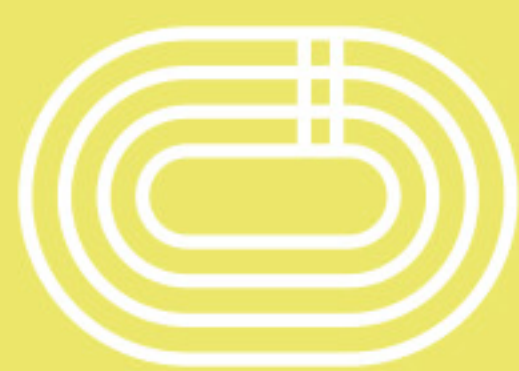
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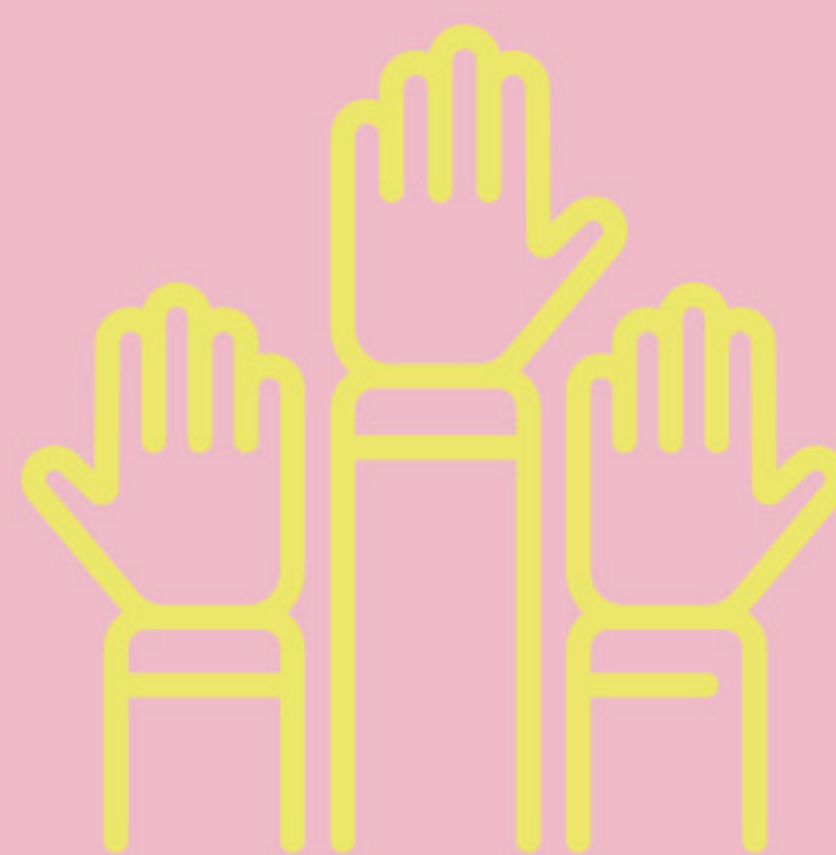


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licensed trainers with **no disclosure** of number of dogs used

60%

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MOST SIGNED PETITION

in the history of the Scottish Parliament



THE SITUATION IN SCOTLAND

The need for legislation is not diminished by the fact that Scotland only has one track. Legislation for a phased end to greyhound racing would not only close down Scotland's final track, but it would ensure no other tracks were able to open in the future, as recommended by SAWC.

Support for an end to dog racing is overwhelming. The most recent polling carried out by Panelbase on behalf of GREY2K USA Worldwide shows that six in ten Scottish people think the Scottish Parliament should vote to phase out greyhound racing, while 63% of respondents said they have an unfavourable view of the sport. Welfare of racing dogs is among the biggest concerns for the Scottish public with 58% believing dogs bred for the tracks have a bad quality of life. Further to this, three quarters of the public think dog racing isn't important to the Scottish economy.