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The Third International Conference on Greyhound Advocacy



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Welcome to the Greyhounds Around the Globe Conference 2023!



We have come together today to share ideas and join hands in the fight to protect greyhounds worldwide.

When commercial dog racing was invented in 1919, it could not be understood that thousands upon thousands of dogs would suffer and die and that multiple countries would follow the American model. Thankfully, commercial dog racing is now illegal in 42 states, and operational in just one. For this reason, our strategy is now focused on passing the U.S. Greyhound Protection Act, which is designed to outlaw dog racing, criminalize live lure training and block the export of greyhounds for racing to other countries.

Thankfully, change is also on the horizon across the globe. Here in Scotland, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee has taken up Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation's petition to outlaw dog racing. Equally in Wales, Parliamentarians are considering Hope Rescue's petition. Both efforts garnered some of the highest numbers of signatures in recorded legislative history.

Unfortunately, we are also seeing some old venues come back to life and flapper tracks seeking formal certification. These facts, coupled with the continued subsidies used to protect tracks from free market forces, make the work of global greyhound advocates more important than ever.

Throughout the day, lawmakers and humane experts from around the world will describe the cruelty that dog racing has visited on innocent hounds in their countries. Our conference will conclude with a special dinner message describing proven strategies for realizing change through grassroots advocacy.

Welcome again to the GreyGlobe conference and may you leave here more determined than ever to fight for greyhounds far and wide!

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SCHEDULE

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Registration (Kirkland Room)

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Welcome

Christine Dorchak and Carey Theil (GREY2K USA Worldwide)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Morning Break

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Greyhound Advocacy in Scotland

Eve Massie Bishop (OneKind)

Mike Flynn (Scottish SPCA)

Mark Ruskell MSP

Colin Smyth MSP

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch & Award Presentation (Kirkland Room)

Trudy Baker (Greyt Exploitations)

Jacqueline Brown (Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation)

Gill Docherty (Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Greyhound Advocacy in Wales

Claire Calder (Dogs Trust)

Tim Doyle (Greyhound Rescue Wales)

Emma Slawinski (RSPCA)

Vanessa Waddon (Hope Rescue)

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Afternoon Break

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Greyhound Advocacy in England

Trudy Baker (Greyt Exploitations)

Emma Judd (League Against Cruel Sports)

John McNally MP

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Afternoon Break

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Greyhound Advocacy in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Patrick Brown MLA

Katie Corcoran (Greyhound Awareness Cork)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

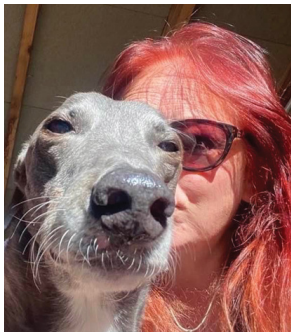
Dinner with Remarks by Matt Zarb-Cousin (South Hall)



Trudy Baker lives in the North East of England. She founded **Greyt Exploitations** in 2008 with a mission to present well-researched and factual information about dog racing to the media and Parliamentarians. In her spare time, she designs arts and crafts to help to raise funds for campaigning and adoption efforts alike.



Eve Massie Bishop is the chief campaigner for **OneKind**, which is leading the Unbound the Greyhound coalition to end dog racing in Scotland. Eve has a degree from the University of Glasgow School of Law and her experience includes both research and legal roles with several international animal welfare organizations. She shares her home with her rescued greyhound, Bob, whom she credits for inspiring her to take action to free other dogs from racing.



Jacqueline Brown (Jax) is a trustee of the **Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary** and one of the founders of **Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation**. She helped lead the effort to file an official petition against dog racing with the Scottish Parliament in 2019. Jax adopted her first hound Dan in 2006. He had been discarded from a moving van and became her first introduction to the horrors of the racing industry. She lives in Fife, home to the only dog track in Scotland, with her partner Scott, greyhounds Bertie and Sasha, and beloved collie cross, Bella.



Patrick Brown is a **Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly** for South Down, becoming the first ever Alliance MLA for his constituency in 2022. He is the Animal Welfare spokesperson for Alliance, and has submitted an Assembly Question to the Agriculture Minister asking for a phased end to greyhound racing in Northern Ireland.



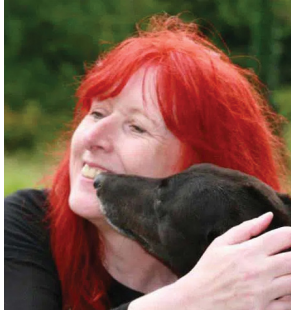
Claire Calder serves as the Head of Public Affairs at **Dogs Trust** where she leads the charity's engagement with politicians and governments across Westminster, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the EU. Claire previously worked as European Policy Advisor for the Dogs Trust in Brussels, where she established the EU Dog & Cat Alliance. In March of this year, she helped prepare a report which led to the formation of the #CutTheChase coalition to phase out dog racing in the UK.



Lena the official spokesdog for the US Greyhound Protection Act

"Lena is a female red brindle greyhound who loves food and sleeping. She also enjoys show-and-tell events in our area, where she meets lots of new people and lets them know about the international fight to end dog racing."

— Emily Lambert, California, United States



Katie Corcoran is the co-founder of **Greyhound Awareness Cork** and became involved in animal welfare during a campaign to address the serious situation in her city pound in 2012. Along with her rescued brindle Molly, Katie educates the public and introduces people to the beauty of all greyhounds. She organizes protests at tracks, speaks up for greyhounds on national and local radio, and has contributed to many newspaper articles.



Gill Docherty is a founding member and Chair of the influential group **Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation**. She joined her local track protest a few years ago and has taken the plight of the greyhounds to heart, filing an official petition with the Scottish Parliament in 2019. Gill and Jax have testified before the RAI Committee in support of their petition and have been interviewed by both local and national television, radio and print outlets about their campaign.



Sasha and Bertie

“Sasha broke her leg and was ordered destroyed, and Bertie is missing a toe and has no power in his back legs to climb even a few steps. They were permanently damaged by the racing industry but are now safe with me thanks to the Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary.”

— Jacqueline Brown, Scotland



Christine Dorchak is the co-founder of **GREY2K USA Worldwide** and has extensive professional experience in the animal protection movement. Before obtaining her law degree, she worked as Research Director for the New England Anti-Vivisection Society and was the manager of the Ellen Gifford Sheltering Home for Cats in Boston. Christine specializes in pari-mutuel law and has drafted laws to successfully prohibit dog racing in several states and countries. A long-distance runner all of her life, she has competed in seven Boston Marathons.



Tim Doyle became the first CEO of **Greyhound Rescue Wales** in 2022, following a career in the Royal Air Force as a logistics officer. A lifelong dog person, Tim is passionate about putting his management and leadership experience to work for the greyhounds! Tim and Greyhound Rescue Wales are leading voices in the #CutTheChase coalition with partners RSPCA, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross and Hope Rescue.



Mike Flynn is the Chief Superintendent of the **Scottish SPCA**. He joined the group at the age of twenty-seven after working as a pub landlord. Mike created the special unit for investigating puppy farming, badger baiting and dog fighting, and regularly provides feedback on political consultations for humane legislation. In April 2022 the Society called for an outright ban on greyhound racing and has offered to take in any greyhounds released for adoption once legislation passes.



Emma Judd serves as the Head of Campaigns and Communications for the **League Against Cruel Sports**, which campaigns to stop greyhound racing in the UK as well as ending all cruelty to animals through blood sports. Prior to joining the League in 2019, Emma forged a career in newspaper journalism and public relations. Emma shares her home with a South African corgi/dachshund/terrier mix named Dexter.



John McNally is the **Member of Parliament** for the Falkirk Constituency. He was elected in 2015 with the largest vote received by any Scottish MP and the highest number of votes for any SNP candidate in party history. He serves as the SNP Spokesperson for the Environment, and spoke in favor of the Parliamentary petition to outlaw greyhound racing in the UK.



Carey Theil co-founded **GREY2K USA Worldwide** in 2001. He has been sourced in hundreds of news articles about greyhound racing and authored guest columns about the industry in many publications. He has extensive legislative experience, and has testified in favor of stronger greyhound protection laws before legislative committees in Alabama, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Oregon.



Mark Ruskell is the **Scottish Greens MSP** for Mid Scotland and Fife. He was first elected in 2003, then again in 2016 and 2021. He has been a tireless champion for greyhounds through lodging motions, speaking on the Parliamentary floor and in committee hearings, and generating positive media for a phase out of dog racing in Scotland. He was the proud dad to greyhound Bert, who recently passed away.



Emma Slawinski led the End The Cage Age campaign which secured the commitment to end the use of cages in all types of farming across twenty-seven countries. In 2021, she joined the **RSPCA** as Director of Policy, Prevention and Campaigns. In 2022, the RSPCA officially changed its policy from one of seeking incremental improvement to welfare for racing greyhounds, to one of seeking a phased end to dog racing. Emma lives in West Sussex with her partner, son, rescue dog and horse.



Colin Smyth has been the **Scottish Labour MSP** for the South Scotland region since 2016, and is the Deputy Convener of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare. He is a member of the League Against Cruel Sports and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, and spoke in favor of phasing out greyhound racing in Scotland during the Holyrood debate.



Isla

"Isla's claim to fame was her appearance on Scottish TV to promote the homing of rescued greyhounds. She gave a good account of herself except that she drank out of the presenter's glass of water!!"

— Judy Zatonski, Great Britain, United Kingdom



Vanessa Waddon is the founder and Senior Head of Operations at **Hope Rescue**, a dog rescue charity in South Wales. In 2021, Vanessa launched an official Parliamentary petition to prohibit dog racing in Wales which has received overwhelming support in the Senedd. Hope Rescue works in the #CutTheChase coalition with partners Greyhound Rescue Wales, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross and RSPCA.



Matt Zarb-Cousin is a co-founder of Gamban, director of Clean Up Gambling and a senior government affairs advisor to YieldSec. As spokesperson for the Campaign for Fairer Gambling, he waged a multi-year campaign to successfully lobby for a reduction in the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals from £100 to £2 a spin. He has recently expanded his work to also focus on policy reform in the United States.

Special video addresses from **Chlöe Swarbrick MP** of New Zealand, **Lorraine Platt** of the Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation of the UK, **Senator Mehreen Faruqi**, **Emma Hurst MP**, and **Andrea Pollard** of the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds, all of Australia, and **Paul Murphy TD** of Ireland will be presented.



An end to greyhound racing in Scotland is within paw's reach.

Add your name to the open letter.



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END DOG RACING



A global voice for greyhounds.

As a non-profit organization, GREY2K USA Worldwide works 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.



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