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**GREY2K USA**

PROTECTING GREYHOUNDS NATIONWIDE





GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak (right front) and some of the dedicated volunteers who collected 100,000 signatures for the Massachusetts Greyhound Protection Act.

## Canine Crusaders: Making Progress by Leaps and Bounds



In October, the *Christian Science Monitor* published a profile of GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak entitled "Greyhound Crusader." Christine's story highlighted continuing efforts to end dog racing and focused on the new Massachusetts initiative to pass the Greyhound Protection Act.

But Christine does not stand alone in her commitment to helping greyhounds. In 2007, many GREY2K USA volunteers put their creativity and generosity into action for the dogs. Here are some of their stories:

**Lorraine Engelhart** (Illinois) learned that her township intended to sponsor a trip to a track in Wisconsin. "I immediately gathered up all of my info including pictures of a racing kennel (which I carry in my purse) and rushed down to Town Hall. I laid out all of my info and talked fast and furiously, and that was the end of that! Please tell your supporters that one voice can really make a difference!"

**Kathy and David French** and their three greyhounds traveled from Georgia to Northeast Florida – an area with many greyhound farms and several racetracks – to hand out anti-racing materials to 10,000 festival-goers at Fernandina Beach. "We were proud to go into the heart of dog racing and breeding and speak out on behalf of beloved greyhounds."

Law student **Abigail Cromwell** (Washington) donated stock to help our campaign, and **Florence Carpenter** (Arizona), **Dorrit Egli** (California), **Robert Courtemanche**, **David Wyman** and **Ute Gannett** (all of Massachusetts), as well as **Beth James** (Florida) each made especially generous gifts to the greyhounds this year.

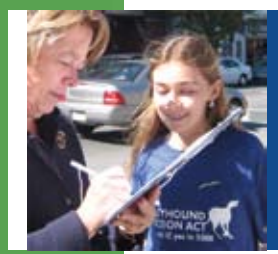
**Pete and Becky Bukowski** and their greyhound Betsy set up a GREY2K USA display at the New Hampshire SPCA Walk for the Animals and greeted participants with information about the cruelty of dog racing and our continuing efforts to close down three tracks in the Granite State.

Twelve-year-old **Amanda MacDonald** (pictured left) organized a rally for the Massachusetts Greyhound Protection Act outside her town hall in Andover. **State Senator Sue Tucker** and (now) **U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas** (also pictured) signed her petition on the spot!

Greyhound adopter extraordinaire **Cathy Woodruff** (pictured middle left, with Lily) and painter **Cindy Sorensen** organized and provided the artwork for a silent auction that raised over \$2,000 for GREY2K USA. Our hats go off to these talented and committed women!

**Vicki Topaz** (California, pictured bottom left), **William Suddaby** and **Alice Gerard** (both of Florida), and **Carol Burney** (Arizona) have registered to make automatic credit card donations to GREY2K USA each month.

**Judy Paulsen** of Greyhound Companions of New Mexico ([www.gcnm.org](http://www.gcnm.org)) works industriously all year long to save discarded greyhounds from tracks in neighboring Texas, Colorado, and Arizona – and fights just as hard to spread the word that greyhound racing must end. "We believe it is important to address the whole story about greyhounds and greyhound racing."



## Founders Note

Dear Friends,

Seven years ago, Carey and I founded GREY2K USA with the intention of ending dog racing nationwide. Since that time, **six tracks have closed** – first Multnomah Greyhound Park in Oregon, then two more in Connecticut, and more recently, one each in Kansas, Texas and Wisconsin.

This progress did not happen because of something we did, but rather something YOU did. In fact, **this edition of the Advocate is devoted to all of our wonderful supporters** who have worked so hard to help the greyhounds. In this issue, you will hear some of their stories and learn lots of new ways to help the greyhounds every day.

Public education and outreach are the keys to ending the cruelty of dog racing. **Together, and only together, will we win the fight for greyhound protection!**

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.,  
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**Need the contact information for your lawmakers?** Just go to: [www.vote-smart.org/](http://www.vote-smart.org/)

## GREY2K USA 2008 Directors

**President:** Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.; **Vice President:** Mike Trombley, CPA; **Secretary:** Twig Mowatt, Save a Sato; **Directors:** Sara Amundson, Humane Society Legislative Fund; Reverend Tom Grey, National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion; Paul LaFlamme; Kevin Neuman, KC ReGAP; Charmaine Settle, Greyhound Rescue International Network; **Executive Director:** Carey Miles Theil

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## Want to be a Canine Crusader?

E-mail us with your ideas and we will provide any materials you need!

# The Year in Review:

## Accomplishments & Recognition in 2007

- **Dog tracks continued to close throughout the year!** Following the recent closures of Multnomah Greyhound Park in Oregon, Plainfield and Shoreline Star of Connecticut, and Geneva Lakes in Wisconsin, two more tracks closed this year: Wichita Greyhound Park in Kansas and Corpus Christi in Texas. Cloverleaf Greyhound Park in Colorado and two Florida tracks, Jacksonville and Tampa, ceased live dog racing operations altogether. Let's keep the trend going!
- **Executive Director Carey Theil presented before a national conference in Australia.** *Animals Australia* and other groups are working together to pioneer new efforts to end dog racing Down Under. (To conserve funds, Carey taped his presentation and sent materials that were distributed on his behalf to attendees.)
- **President Christine Dorchak was honored as November's Guardian of the Month** by national animal protection group, *In Defense of Animals*. IDA's Guardian campaign recognizes the special status of dogs in our lives.
- **Best Friends Network and Animal Wellness Magazine featured the work of GREY2K USA** in their on-line and print publications.

## Grants Awarded

- GREY2K USA joined the PetCo Foundation in sponsoring the **11th Annual Greyhound Companions of New Mexico Reunion**.
- GREY2K USA also made grants to *Greyhound Adoptions of Ohio*, *Florida Greyhound Adoptions*, and many other rescue organizations working to save dogs discarded by tracks nationwide. If you represent a greyhound adoption effort, please contact us to link to our web page!

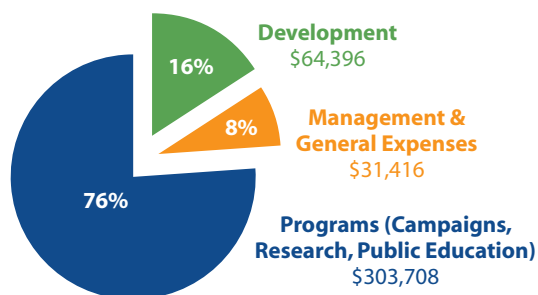
## Financial Update

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2006 expenditures.

**Programs:** 76% of contributions were used for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and public education about the cruelty of greyhound racing.

**Development:** 16% of expenditures were focused on producing adoption information and educational materials for the public, distributing campaign updates to supporters, upgrading our web site, and other member services.

**Management & General Expenses:** 8% of the budget paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our Massachusetts headquarters.



## The GREY2K USA Education Fund

Our sister organization, the GREY2K USA Education Fund, educates the public about the history and lives of greyhounds. Our mission is to spread the word about these gentle dogs and promote adoption efforts nationwide. Visit us at [www.GREY2KUSAEDU.org](http://www.GREY2KUSAEDU.org).



*"The greyhounds at the race tracks are just like any dog... they deserve to be treated as individuals who should spend their lives in homes, not in small cages owned by an industry that looks at them only as a way to make money."*

Jed Winer of Sudbury, Massachusetts with Zoe  
\*Jed collected 5,000 signatures for the Greyhound Protection Act by himself!\*

## Massachusetts Spotlight: Greyhound Protection Act of 2008

Massachusetts is the home of GREY2K USA, and **we are committed to closing its two dog tracks, Wonderland and Raynham Greyhound Parks**. At these facilities, thousands of greyhounds endure lives of nearly endless confinement, kept in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around. According to newly available state records, more than 700 dogs were injured while racing in the last five years, including dogs that suffered broken bones, cardiac arrest, spinal cord paralysis and a broken neck. For a report on dog racing in the state, visit [www.GREY2KUSA.org/action/ma.html](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org/action/ma.html).

Thanks to the hard work of 2,000 volunteers statewide, over 100,000 signatures were collected in just nine weeks to place the **Greyhound Protection Act** on the November 2008 ballot. This measure will end dog racing in Massachusetts once and for all. Stay tuned for campaign details in the coming months!

## GREY2K USA 2008 Goals

Greyhound racing remains legal and operational in 13 states. There are 34 tracks in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. GREY2K USA's goal is to educate the public about the plight of greyhounds in these states. We also have key political campaigns in specific states that you can help with right now.

**New Hampshire:** Did you know that greyhounds are not covered under the state's anti-cruelty law? Representative Steve Vaillancourt has filed a bill to change this. If you live in the Granite State, please contact your lawmaker to support this important measure!

**Massachusetts:** Since 2002, over 700 greyhounds have been injured while racing in the state. When not racing, these gentle friends live confined in stacked metal cages. This is no way to treat a dog! If you live in Massachusetts, please vote for the Greyhound Protection Act in November 2008!

**Florida:** One track has already received permission for slot machines, and we must work together to prevent expansion to other facilities. Florida residents, please contact your lawmakers and tell them to vote against slot machines at dog tracks! And if you live in Miami-Dade County, be sure to vote NO in the upcoming special election.

**Colorado:** The state's dog tracks are not required to report on injuries suffered by greyhounds while racing. To help change this, please contact GREY2K USA board member Charmaine Settle at [char1queen@yahoo.com](mailto:char1queen@yahoo.com).



## Give Today!

For a donation of \$50, we'll send you our new t-shirt.  
Call 1-866-2GREY2K or visit our web site to order yours today!

## Four Simple Ways to Make a BIG Difference

### 1 Spread the Word

- Share this newsletter or e-mail it to friends and family (download a PDF from our web site).
- Sign up for e-mail Action Alerts from our web site and forward them to friends.
- Share your thoughts about greyhound racing on social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and Best Friends Network.
- Put a GREY2K USA bumper sticker on your car. Order one today from our online store (select Shop from our web site home page).

### 2 Make a Donation

- Make a generous contribution today – or register as a **monthly donor!**
- Include GREY2K USA in your **will or trust.**
- Shop on iGive.com, use Goodsearch.com or donate a portion of your eBay sales through the eBay Giving Works program.
- Click Support Us from [www.GREY2KUSA.org](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org) for details about these and other programs.

### 3 Sponsor an Ad

- Contact us and we'll send you an electronic version of our ad (pictured upper right) which you can submit to local papers and magazines.

### 4 Adopt a Greyhound

- For a list of adoption organizations across the country, select Adoption from our web site home page.



## How Does Your Gift Help Greyhounds?

\$50 allows us to print over 1,000 color flyers about greyhound racing. \$250 buys a local radio advertisement. \$350 allows us to publish a print ad in a national magazine. \$1,000 or more helps us provide working lobbyists in key racing states.

**Please help us spread the word that greyhound racing must end!**

**Start the year right, and give a lasting gift to the greyhounds!**

For a list of all the ways you can give, select Support Us from [www.GREY2KUSA.org](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org)