



# The Advocate

## Join the Team!

Here are some simple things you can do to help the campaign to end greyhound racing:

- ▶ Carry and hand out GREY2K USA brochures when you walk your dog.
- ▶ Sign up for our regular outreach tables or host your own display.
- ▶ Meet with your lawmakers and let them know that you oppose greyhound racing.
- ▶ Write Letters to the Editor.
- ▶ Clip and send us any articles you see about greyhound racing.
- ▶ Renew your commitment and make a generous contribution today! [Click here to donate online!](#)

Please contact us at the email address or phone number below if you can help in any way. Thank you!

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## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE: OUR BIGGEST VICTORIES LIE AHEAD

As GREY2K USA ended its sixth year of advocacy, the greyhounds were faced with a bitter setback. At the mere stroke of a pen, Justice Margaret Marshall of the Supreme Judicial Court overrode the legal certification of the Massachusetts Attorney General and wiped out more than 150,000 voter signatures for a ballot question that would have phased out racing at two dog tracks.

This decision, in which Marshall ruled that **greyhounds aren't like other dogs**, struck at the hopes and aspiration of every greyhound advocate in the country. Last fall, thousands of volunteers—including myself—set out to collect double and triple the number of signatures required by law. We persevered through heat, cold, rain and snow. We gave our time, money and resources because we knew that the fate of thousands of dogs at Wonderland and Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Parks hung in the balance.

But in one brief Court ruling, our entire effort was struck down.

Yet, even in defeat, there is opportunity. The most beautiful thing about our world is that it is capable of change, and in only a few short years, we have witnessed a great transformation in the public perception of dog racing. Thanks to our combined educational and political campaigns, the truth is finally coming to light.

In Massachusetts, GREY2K USA passed into law the only greyhound adoption trust fund in history, and hundreds of dogs have found loving homes each year as a result. In two states we have passed

dog track accountability laws, exposing for the first time the truth about greyhound injuries and deaths. We have uncovered numerous cases of animal abuse and fraud, including the recent case of race-fixing at Mobile Greyhound Park in Alabama. **Most importantly, our continued political pressure has contributed to the closure of four racetracks in less than two years.**



Those who profit by commercial dog racing still view greyhounds as nothing more than racing machines. Justice Marshall's affirmation of such misguided thinking should be understood for what it is: an indicator that we must work even harder to deliver our gentle friends from harm. **With your help, we will succeed.**

The dogs don't know about our human trials. All they know are lives of solitude and ever-constant confinement. They deserve the best from us. While it is important to celebrate the victories, we must also be able endure the pain of setbacks so that the fight can continue. As one of our board members likes to say, "If not us, who will help these dogs?"

Thank you for continuing to support GREY2K USA. We promise to keep working until this cruelty ends. Please read on to learn about our ongoing programs and campaigns. While we have accomplished a great deal already, I am confident our biggest victories for greyhounds lie ahead.

For the greyhounds,

Carey M. Theil, Executive Director

*Photo courtesy Kansas City REGAP*

**To adopt a greyhound, call our adoption hotline at 1-866-2GREY2K!**

# If Not Us, Who?

by Kevin Neuman, GREY2K USA Vice President

Treat the symptoms or cure the disease? Help find forever, loving homes for greyhounds or dedicate my time, effort and resources to ending dog racing? Thankfully, I have been blessed with the opportunity to do both by volunteering for **Kansas City Retired Greyhounds as Pets** ([www.kcregap.org](http://www.kcregap.org)) and by serving as the Vice President of GREY2K USA.

KCREGAP's mission is to take in as many greyhounds as possible, regardless of their condition, and find forever homes for them in the Kansas City area. **My wife Sherry and I**

**are honored to have been part of an incredible team that has placed over 3,000 greyhounds in the last fifteen years.** At GREY2K USA, we focus on ending greyhound racing through legislative and political campaigns.

Occasionally an issue presents itself that seems to be both a treatment and cure. Such are our current "redefine" efforts to make greyhounds dogs again in Kansas. **Under current law, greyhounds are specifically excluded from protection under the state anti-cruelty statute.** During the 2005 Kansas legislative session, we

introduced a bill to eliminate this exclusion and although it was stopped in the agricultural committee, our efforts received extensive media coverage. The story which ran on CNN for three days was posted on over 50,000 web sites, creating worldwide outrage and directing heated attention on the benighted cruelty of dog racing. **By raising this issue, we also created a lightning rod for greyhound advocates and ignited renewed greyhound adoption efforts across the country.**

We hope to pass our bill in the new legislative session. With your sup-



Kevin & Sherry Neuman with Penny Smiles

port, both passionate and financial, we will roll back this ridiculous exemption and eliminate a ridiculous advantage for the racing industry.

Whether greyhound

advocates treat the symptoms or focus on a cure—it is very important to continue our combined efforts to help these wonderful dogs.

For if not us, who?

## Meet the Board



**Paul LaFlamme** ▶ **Twig Mowatt**, Secretary ▶ **Michael Trombley**, CPA ▶ **Carey M. Theil**, Executive Director ▶ **Christine A. Dorchak**, Esq., President ▶ **Marc Reichelderfer**, Florida legislative agent ▶ **Kevin Neuman**, Vice President, *Kansas City Retired Greyhounds As Pets*

Not pictured: **Tom Grey**, *National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion* ▶ **Sara Amundson**, *Humane Society Legislative Fund*

*\*Organization affiliations are for identification purposes only.*

## U.K. Greyhound Killing Field

Dog racing has now come under fire in the United Kingdom, after the London Times reported on a massive dog killing operation in which as many as 10,000 ex-racers were shot to death and buried on a farm in England.

David Smith, a builder's merchant by trade, had been taking unwanted dogs from track trainers for fifteen years, shooting them in the head, and disposing of them on his one-acre property in Seaham. Incredibly, even though Smith has now been shut down, he claimed that his acts were **humane**.

Like Robert Rhodes of Alabama, Smith charged a small fee, just 10 pounds, for taking dogs out to his shed and killing them. Clearly, the cruelty of greyhound racing knows no borders. We must keep working until greyhounds are safe worldwide!



# 2006 Accomplishments

In 2006, GREY2K USA worked with lawmakers, animal protection organizations and volunteers nationwide to publicize the suffering of racing greyhounds and end the cruelty of dog racing.

## NATIONWIDE

- ▶ Years of political pressure continued to pay off as **two more dog tracks permanently closed, one in Connecticut and one in Wisconsin**, bringing to 39 the number of operational greyhound racing facilities in the United States.
- ▶ GREY2K USA was recognized for our effectiveness as a non-profit when we received the **Charity Guide Seal of Approval**.

- ▶ The World Society for the Protection of Animals welcomed GREY2K USA to join its worldwide network of 700 animal welfare organizations.
- ▶ GREY2K USA president Christine Dorchak worked to educate millions of people about the cruelty of dog racing. She appeared twice in the *National Enquirer* magazine, was the keynote speaker at the First Annual Animal Law Symposium at the

Massachusetts School of Law, spoke at the New Hampshire Animal Rights League Thanksgiving Celebration, and appeared as a guest presenter at the Taking Action for Animals conference in Washington, DC.

## ALABAMA

- ▶ A tip from GREY2K USA led the *Mobile Press-Register* to report that law enforcement officials were investigating race-fixing allegations at Mobile Greyhound Park. Thirteen people were eventually arrested on illegal gambling charges.

## FLORIDA

- ▶ The Florida First District Court of Appeals handed down a major victory for racing opponents when it ordered a trial be held to determine whether dog track owners used fraud to put a slot machine question before

voters in 2004.

- ▶ GREY2K USA continued to push for a greyhound injury reporting law, and publicly exposed the dirty tricks of track lobbyists attempting to prevent adoption of this humane measure.

- ▶ Governor Jeb Bush helped counter dog track giveaways by repealing a \$310,000 subsidy for Pensacola Greyhound Park.

## MASSACHUSETTS

- ▶ GREY2K USA led a coalition of animal welfare, anti-tax, and religious organizations to defeat a proposal to prop up dog racing with slot machine profits. The 100-45 final vote was the largest margin of defeat for a slot machine bill in the history of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.
- ▶ A formal criminal complaint was filed with Attorney Gen-

eral Tom Reilly, asking him to investigate whether racetrack employees perjured themselves by falsifying state greyhound injury reports.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- ▶ The greyhounds scored a major victory when lawmakers voted for the repeal of an annual \$325,000 subsidy to area racetracks.

- ▶ GREY2K USA released a report documenting that nearly 400 greyhounds were injured in that state in only one year. GREY2K USA board member Paul LaFlamme educated lawmakers and the public about these terrible injuries in a special guest column published in the *Manchester Union Leader*.



GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak, keynote speaker at the First Annual Animal Law Symposium.

## GREY2K USA on the Net!

GREY2K USA has just launched a new web site devoted to greyhound protection! Our new site is easier to use than ever before, with updated information and photos, more volunteer opportunities, and an expanded adoption page.

**Added features** include a News library with the latest GREY2K USA press releases, a new home page sign-up feature for Action Alerts, and an on-line Greyhound Gifts store with campaign t-shirts and buttons, jewelry, greyhound dolls, notecards, original paintings, and more.

Visit [www.grey2kusa.org](http://www.grey2kusa.org) to see the great new site or [click here to make a donation](#). And don't forget to forward our link to a friend!



# Special Friends

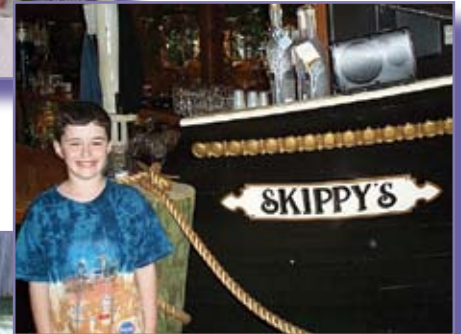
*The fight to end dog racing is truly a team effort. We are grateful to the many volunteers across the country who distributed brochures, wrote letters to the editor, contacted their lawmakers and made financial contributions to our legislative fights.*

This year, we offer special thanks to several outstanding and creative volunteers:

- ▶ **Bunny and Joseph Stuart** and their two greyhounds hosted a regular table in Woodstock, NY, handing out educational buttons, bumper stickers, fact sheets and more
- ▶ **Dr. Brad Pitchett** of Arizona donated over 100 copies of his greyhound adoption DVDs to GREY2K USA.
- ▶ Vermont's **Linda O'Kelly** organized teams of dog lovers to put out coin cans and give out adoption and advocacy information throughout her state.
- ▶ **Leslie Machinist** of New Jersey baked chocolate cakes and sold them to her friends and neighbors, donating all proceeds to GREY2K USA's national campaign to end dog racing.
- ▶ 11-year-old **Joseph Frank** of Massachusetts donated \$52.28, the entire proceeds of his "charity piggy bank" to our continuing efforts to shut down Wonderland and Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Parks. **Jed Winer** and **Lorenz Duerr**, also of Massachusetts, collected over 2,000 signatures **each** for the same campaign.
- ▶ Real estate agents **Felicia Singer, Joe and Emelia Stylman, and Carole Stormer-Vaux** of California, Florida and Ohio respectively, pledged gifts to the greyhounds with every home purchase.



Bunny & Joseph Stuart's outreach table.



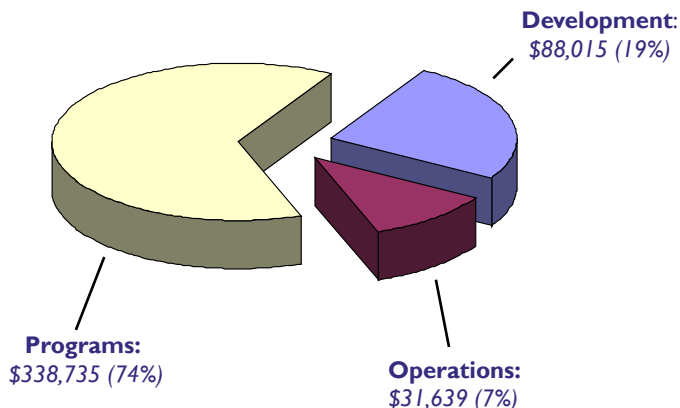
Joseph Frank



Leslie Machinist & Dudley

## GREY2K USA Financial Update

**2005 GREY2K USA Total Budget: \$458,389**



2005 data prepared by Bucci and Associates, Arlington, MA

As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2005 expenditures.

- ▶ **Programs:** 74% of all 2005 contributions were used directly for programs including legislative advocacy, ballot initiatives, legal research, and public education about the cruelty and killing of greyhound racing.
- ▶ **Operations:** 7% of the 2005 budget paid for registration and reporting in racing states, legal and accounting support, and administrative costs for our Massachusetts headquarters.
- ▶ **Development:** 19% of 2005 expenditures were focused on the production of adoption information and educational materials for the general public, distribution of campaign updates to supporters, upgrades to our web site, and other member services.

GREY2K USA's President & Vice President each received less than \$22,000 annual compensation.

**[Click here to make a donation online today!](#)**



# True Stewardship

by Reverend Tom Grey, GREY2K USA Board Member



Rev. Tom Grey speaks in Washington, DC

In the words of Episcopal Bishop Edmund L. Browning:

“True stewardship is more than setting up soup kitchens and shelters. It is good and right that we reach into the river of despair and rescue those who are drowning... But as has often been said, it is time to move upstream and see just who is throwing them in!”

My efforts as Executive Director of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling have been to prevent the promoters and the politicians from making losers and victims of my fellow citizens—to go upstream and stop the bodies from being dumped on us. That the leadership of GREY2K USA, Carey

and Christine, were willing to do battle in the same manner against those who would use and abuse greyhounds for gain and greed was a good fight that I was eager to support. Their ability to convey the Truth about the cruelty of greyhound racing, to forge a Network with other organizations and to provide Tactics to Contain, to Constrain and ultimately to Conquer has made my board membership an honor.

Combined with your support we will prevail and the greyhounds now caught and caged in cruelty will finally be free.

## Remembering Amber

According to newly-available state records, almost 400 greyhounds were injured while racing in the state of New Hampshire in 2005, including dogs that suffered fractures, ruptures, lacerations, paralysis, puncture wounds and a collapsed trachea.

One of the saddest records to cross our desk in 2006 describes the painful death of a dog known

as “Amber.” She hit the rail and died before finishing her practice race in April. The Seabrook vet described “massive brain damage” as the cause of her death.

Amber’s record, as well a report of all 2005 New Hampshire records is now available on GREY2K USA’S new web site at [www.grey2kusa.org/action/nh.html](http://www.grey2kusa.org/action/nh.html).



Kennel at a New Hampshire track

## Their Own Best Advocates

by Paula Blanchard, GREY2K USA Education Fund

Many people who love dogs still don’t know about GREY2K USA. Here’s how you can help spread the word:

- ▶ When people stop to say hello to your dog(s), tell them about greyhound racing. Tell them the industry kills thousands of greyhounds each year nationwide, including puppies. Tell them about the cages and the muzzles, the broken bones and the lacerations, the rotten meat and disease outbreaks at kennels. Then, tell them that GREY2K USA is a national organization dedicated to ending dog racing everywhere.
- ▶ Decorate your dog’s winter coat

(and your own) with GREY2K USA’s new buttons. These are great on backpacks and totes, too. Hand them out liberally—you’ll be surprised how many will be delighted to accept your “gift!”

- ▶ Brochures and business cards are also available to give to interested people. You can even tuck one under the windshield wiper of a parked car with a dog passenger.
- ▶ If your canine friend is a greyhound who likes people, walk where she can be seen and admired. After all, greyhounds are their own best advocates!



Byron & Paula Blanchard with Gracie & Bo.



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**Felisha & Nitro**

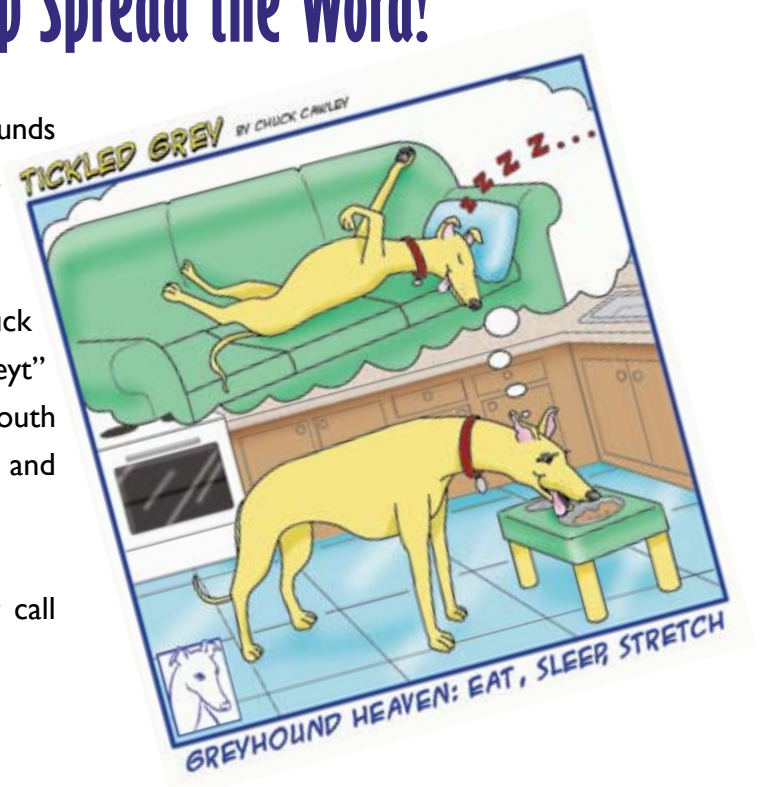
*Photo courtesy of Dana Chalberg of Massachusetts*

## Greyhound Heaven T-Shirts Help Spread the Word!

Our new full-color t-shirts depict the life that all greyhounds dream of! For a donation of \$50, we will ship one right to you.

Printed on 100% cotton from an original design by Chuck Cawley of the GREY2K USA Education Fund, these “greyt” holiday items are available for a limited time in sizes Youth to XXL. The back of each tee reads “End the killing and cruelty of dog racing.”

Get yours today! [Click here to order online](#) or call 1-866-2GREY2K to request rush delivery.



GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit 501(c)4 organization dedicated to ending the cruelty of dog racing. Because GREY2K USA actively lobbies for greyhound protection, contributions are not tax deductible.