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cruelty-free future

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This year's cover dog is Shiraz

You Are the Stars of Greyhound Advocacy

The campaign to save greyhounds worldwide is ours to win! This year, we dedicate our annual newsletter to all the people who worked so hard to rescue greyhounds and end dog racing in 2015. You are truly the shining stars of GREY2K USA Worldwide.

In fact, as you read these words, two more dog tracks are closing. With the shuttering of Gulf Greyhound Park of Texas, dog racing will finally be over in the Lone Star State. Meanwhile, the end of racing at Bluffs Run will leave just one remaining track in all of Iowa. This is fantastic news, but looking deeper,

these two closures have additional and fundamental significance for the American dog racing industry.

While the number of greyhounds bred for racing has gradually been reduced by two-thirds since 2001, both Texas and Iowa are veritable centers for breeding. As such, these new track closures should have a profound effect in shrinking the American market for greyhound cruelty.

Outside the United States, greyhounds are taking center stage in Australia, the United Kingdom and as far away as China. In July, leaders from Animals Asia, Animals Australia, the RSPCA UK, RSPCA Australia and four Chinese and Taiwanese shelters joined GREY2K USA Worldwide and ANIMA Macau for an international press conference to call for the closure of the Canidrome, China's only dog track. 300,000 signatures were delivered to government officials and rallies followed around the world.



Please be a part of our all-star team. When the curtain falls on greyhound racing, we hope you will be there to see the greyhounds' dreams come true!

GREY2K USA Board of Directors



Granting Wishes for Greyhounds

GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection group in the world. We work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and to end the cruelty of dog racing. We also promote the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe.



President: Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.

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Secretary: James Flanagan

Directors: Tom Grey, Jeroen van Kernebeek, Kathy Pelton and Charmaine Settle

Executive Director: Carey M. Theil

Read our bios at GREY2KUSA.org/board

On Location

GREY2K USA sponsored and participated in special events throughout the year to promote greyhound advocacy and adoption including:

- **Bark at Briargate, CO**
- **Allentown Fair, PA**
- **Sarasota Celebration of Pets, FL**
- **Jacksonville Veg Fest, FL**
- **New Smyrna Beach Art Walk, FL**
- **Woofstock, FL**
- **Solvang Greyhound Gathering, CA**
- **Finger Lakes Adopt A Grey Benefit Auction, NY**
- **The Greyt Greyhound Gathering, OH**



Happily Ever After

Throughout the year, GREY2K USA and the GREY2K USA Education Fund provide grants to adoption groups all around the world.

You can help, too. Bring a needy greyhound home! Read more at GREY2KUSA.org/adopt

Picture This

You can receive a special keepsake calendar of rescued greyhounds including Olive, and read the month-to-month history of our work since 2001 by ordering our 2016 Greyhound Freedom Calendar. All photos were submitted by you, our supporters, and every purchase supports our campaign for the greyhounds. Call us at 866-2GREY2K to place your order or go to GREY2KUSA.org/calendar



\$20 plus s/h



"Olive is the coolest dog in the world and she knows it. Our dear girl is this year's March calendar dog!" - Monica and Kris Gnyp

Taking Action in Florida, Arizona and West Virginia

The year began with the placement of adoption ads on digital billboards in airports throughout the **Sunshine State**. Outreach tables and rallies for Florida greyhounds were held all year, including a day of action at ten dog tracks. And now we have created the

Committee to Protect Greyhounds to bring a ballot question to voters. Stay tuned for more information as we have it!

In **Arizona** and **West Virginia**, GREY2K USA has drafted legislation to end dog racing. We will be working with professional lobbyists Michael Preston Green and Rob Casto to close down Tucson Greyhound Park, Tri-Star and the Wheeling Island dog tracks. The time has come to bring down the cruelty of dog racing wherever it persists.

Let's make 2016 a big year for American greyhounds!

Advocates in Shining Armor

Supporters hit the streets to raise money for the greyhounds this year. Our president started things off by running five miles (in ten feet of Boston snow!) and **Julie Mock** of Iowa walked a 5K fundraiser with her dog, Emma.

Naomi Warner ran a half marathon for the greyhounds in Virginia. On your own or as part of a team, please run, walk or bike to spread the word that "Greyhounds Should Only

Run for Fun!"

Learn more at run4fun.causevox.com



Artist and greyhound dad **Sven Bybee** created and sold over 400,000 greyhound mounts for the videogame Rift, generating a gift of over \$17,000 to GREY2K USA from his company Trion Worlds.

The **Pegasus Foundation** provided \$46,000 in funding to the Education Fund for the placement of pro-adoption ads in Florida!



Longtime volunteer **Jay Kirkus** hosted a "Night for the Hounds" in his Boston high rise and raised \$4,500 for our Canidrome rescue fund.

The **Arlington Artlounge** hosted a "Paint Your Pet Night" generating a donation of \$500.

Canadian elementary school students **Raegan, Nayana** and **Faith** hosted a table at an animal advocacy fair in Calgary, distributed hundreds of "Save the Greyhounds" wristbands and raised \$200 in donations.

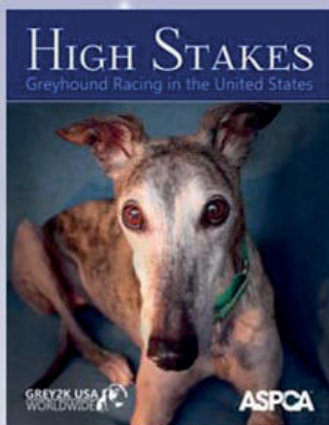
Thanks to **Whole Foods Market of Arlington, MA** for hosting a 5% charity day and contributing over \$3,000 to our education programs.



Guiding Lights

Did you know that GREY2K USA released the first comprehensive report on greyhound racing in the United States this year? For the first time, both the humane and economic problems and long history of greyhound abuse in this industry are revealed.

GREY2KUSA.org/highstakes



In a Land Far, Far Away



In July, GREY2K USA Worldwide board members visited three countries to learn more about the dog racing industry and to join hands with local advocates working to save greyhounds. The three-week trip began in **New Zealand**, progressed to **Australia** and finished with an international meeting in **Macau**, SAR of China. See photos and learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/2015worldwide

In November, GREY2K USA President Christine Dorchak traveled to London and met with lawmakers about ending dog racing in the **United Kingdom**. Chairman Neil Parish and MP Angela Smith will be leading an official inquiry.



Shooting Stars

Thanks to journalists around the world for these "greyt" articles!

- **Chris Joseph**, New Times Broward Palm Beach, *Fight to End Dog Racing in Florida is Back On*
- **Caro Meldrum-Hanna** and **Sam Clark**, ABC News Australia, *Making a Killing*
- **Ben Jacobson**, Dubuque Telegraph Herald, *GREY2K USA High Stakes Report Released*
- **Catriona MacLennan**, *US Anti-Greyhound Racing Activists Not Welcome at New Zealand Track*
- **Xiomara Gonzalez-Govea**, Univision, *Galgos mueren por ser obligados a competidor*
- **Phil Kabler**, Charleston Gazette-Mail, *Group seeks legislation to end state greyhound racing*
- **Fenella Souter**, Sydney Morning Herald Magazine, *Underdogs: The sad fate of greyhounds*

Read these and other stories at GREY2KUSA.org/news



Shining Light on the Issues

The year started off with the gruesome revelation that greyhounds are being "blood trained" with small, helpless animals by the **Australian greyhound industry**. A February ABC News exposé led to the **prosecution of dozens of breeder-trainers** and legislation will soon be filed to prohibit dog racing Down Under.



Florida

On September 30, thousands of people across the globe participated in a **Candlelight Vigil to Close the Canidrome** in China. Organized events were held in ten countries to urge the **Macau** government to allow the dog track's license to expire once and for all. There is no adoption program at the Canidrome so no dog gets out alive. Together, we can change this! You can add your name to our petition, see photos and learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/closethecanidrome



Macau



Italy

Shine Every Day

- "Like" us on Facebook
- "Follow" us on Twitter
- Join us on YouTube
- Find us on google+





Wish Upon a Star

For a donation of \$50 or more, we will send you one of our new, metallic silver "Greyhound Star" wristbands.

Quantities are limited so please respond now. Use the enclosed envelope, call 866-2GREY2K or make a donation online at GREY2KUSA.org/2015news. The greyhounds will thank you!



Zipper of Florida

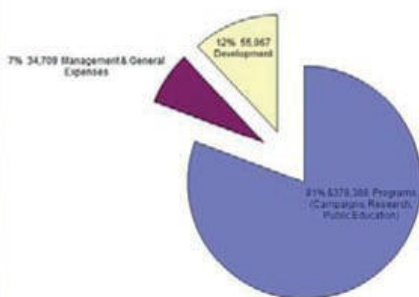
Fairy Greyhound Helpers

Are you able to support our campaigns on a regular basis?

Please sign up to make a scheduled gift in any amount at GREY2KUSA.org/monthly. Small or large, every dollar makes a difference for the greyhounds waiting to be saved.

Spinning Gold

Join our exclusive club of greyhound credit card holders! GREY2K USA receives \$50 for each activated account and a percentage of all purchases is donated right back to our campaigns. Learn more at GREY2KUSA.org/creditcard



As we grow, GREY2K USA continues to use resources efficiently. Below is a summary of our 2014 expenses: You make our work possible!

- Programs: 81%
- Development: 12%
- Management & General Expenses: 7%
- Total Annual Expenses: \$469,064



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Greyhound Global Spotlights!



MP John Kaye of NSW is filing the first legislation to end dog racing in AU!



Teresa Lee of SPCA Hong Kong



Nancy Lai and MeiMei of Taiwan SPCA



Martina Best of Amazing Greys, Australia



Stefania Traini and Massimo Grecco of Pet Levrieri in Italy are working hard to close the Canidrome.



Tracey Coyle of Saving Wilma campaign in New Zealand



Albano Martins of ANIMA Macau



Kirsten Mitchell of Kirsten's Zoo, Hong Kong