


GREY2K USA

Protecting Greyhounds Nationwide

 *The American Dog* reports

Q: What year was GREY2K USA established?

GREY2K USA was formed in 2001 by Attorney Christine Dorchak, Political Strategist Carey Theil and Veterinarian Jill Hopfenbeck. We knew that greyhounds were suffering all across our country, from Arizona to Florida, to Wisconsin, to Alabama and Massachusetts. So we decided to form an organization that would literally 'stop dog racing in its tracks' everywhere!

Q: Who runs the organization?

Christine Dorchak is President and GREY2K USA is headquartered in Massachusetts, but works nationwide through our board members and legislative agents. The key to our success is a network of committed volunteers working in each of the remaining racing states.

Q: What is the mission of your organization?

GREY2K USA works through citizen's initiatives and legislative processes to pass laws to protect greyhounds, with the ultimate goal of closing down all greyhound tracks nationwide. Our mission is to make the cruelty of dog racing a thing of the past.

Q: What are the biggest obstacles to still overcome?

Effecting change, especially for animals, is a hard thing to achieve. Since 2004, 16 tracks have closed for live-dog racing, but 29 yet remain. Our method is to research the racing industry, present lawmakers and voters with facts and documentation, and then ask them to make a humane decision.

Q: What are GREY2K USA's greatest accomplishments so far?

Our biggest accomplishment is our most recent. On Election Day 2008, the people of Massachusetts voted overwhelmingly to close both Raynham and Wonderland Greyhound Parks. Citizens in 12 of 14 counties approved Question 3. This overwhelming success proved that once people learn about the inherent cruelty of greyhound gambling, they will indeed help the dogs.

At racetracks nationwide, according to the tracks' own records, greyhound are seriously injured and die each year, suffering broken legs, broken necks, paralysis, seizures and head trauma. When not



racing, these gentle dogs are kept confined in small, barren cages barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around. This is certainly no way to treat a dog.

Q: What are your ongoing and current campaigns?

GREY2K USA and its volunteers are working in every remaining racing state to help greyhounds. To learn what is happening in your area of the country, go to our Web site and click on our state-by-state racing map.

Q: What goals have you set for 2009?

In 2009, we will continue to support rescue and adoption efforts, in this country and worldwide. We are optimistic that the national network of operating dog tracks in the United States will continue to shrink dramatically. Since 1993, dog racing has ended in 14 states, leaving just 10 where this cruelty continues.

Q: What would you like to tell the readers of *The American Dog* magazine?

GREY2K USA is an alliance of everyday people working together, on the grassroots level, to help greyhounds. We aren't fancy or flashy, but we are dedicated and focused. Go to www.grey2kusa.org and watch the new video about our campaigns, then please consider joining our team! 



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