

Great news!
NSW Premier Mike Baird is set to end greyhound racing

Dear Friends,

They didn't stand a chance.

For years in Australia, small animals like rabbits, piglets and possums were torn apart in a ghoulish kind of "bloodtraining." Strung up with rope and whirled around a makeshift track, they were used as live bait by

greyhound trainers looking to increase the prey drive of racing dogs. Investigators found that owners would pay "extra" for animals that squealed or fought back. Even mothers and their newborns were not spared:

A mother possum is tied down to a lure arm, her little joey still on her back. Twenty-six laps later, she is still alive. The grieving mother has been snapped in half, her spinal cord severed. An onlooker remarks: "It's crying. It's lost its baby." Tom Noble, owner of the track, just laughs.

— Investigation video aired on ABC's "Making a Killing" airdate February 6, 2015

Any greyhound that did not show interest in the chase could be bludgeoned or shot and thrown into a "wastage" pile. Or just left to starve to death ...

But now, the cruelty of greyhound racing Down Under has suffered its first major legislative challenge! **On July 7, Premier Mike Baird announced that dog racing must end.** Moved by the video exposé of live lure baiting and an official report showing that **as many as 68,000 greyhounds have simply disappeared from record**, he took decisive action. As I write this letter to you, the NSW Parliament is voting on his bill.



New South Wales Premier Mike Baird

Great progress is happening around the world because of supporters like you. Last July, we were able to visit with officials throughout Australia to encourage them to end greyhound racing. Our Sydney Director followed up with written testimony and has been working with local, non-profit groups on the ground ever since. **The Baird government's response couldn't have been more welcomed.**

Exposing the horrifying underbelly of dog racing is something we are driven to keep doing but the success of our campaign literally depends on you. We are a small, specialized team of strategists determined to save dogs worldwide! But we have no paid fundraiser and can only hope that our work will speak for itself.

Please make a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or more today to help end greyhound racing now.



Millie of New South Wales

To donate online visit: grey2kusa.org/protect



Rally for the greyhounds in Dublin, Ireland

A few weeks ago, I had the honor to participate in the single biggest rally for greyhounds on record. More than 400 Irish greyhound advocates and their dogs joined guests from **Australia, Italy, Macau, the United Kingdom and the United States** to oppose the export of greyhounds to **China's infamous dog track, the Canidrome**.

We delivered a petition with over 300,000 signatures to Agriculture Minister Michael Creed and the rally ended with a march to the doors of Ireland's Parliament where our board member Albano Martins and I went inside to address a panel of lawmakers. **As a result, no greyhounds have been exported to race and die in Macau ever since.**

What's more, our campaign to close the Canidrome itself is closer than

ever to success. The Chief Executive has just announced that this awful place must go. Citing local public concern and worldwide pressure, Mr. Chui Sai On realized that a death trap for dogs is not good for the reputation of Macau. We are truly looking forward to rescuing the hundreds of greyhounds who will soon be set free!

One thing we have learned is that there are no borders when it comes to hurting innocent greyhounds. **China's only dog track had no adoption group and no dog ever got out alive. It was a slaughterhouse for greyhounds.** It is now closing because people like you from around the world joined hands and hearts to speak for the dogs.

Back in the United States, you and I know that greyhound racing is also cruel and inhumane and that the American industry is in freefall. There is still a lot of work ahead, but the latest figures show **a decline of almost 70%** since our work together began in 2001! In June, Arizona became the 40th American state to reject this activity and closed down its last dog track after the unanimous passage of our bill to prohibit dog racing. We must now keep campaigning until the eighteen remaining tracks close in **Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa and West Virginia, too.**

You can help by doing two big things now:

- **Sign all of our petitions** at change.org/greyhounds
- **Become a monthly donor** to ensure that these successful campaigns continue.

grey2kusa.org/monthly

The question is not IF dog racing will end, but HOW QUICKLY? With your support, that day will come very soon. Won't you please help?

For the greyhounds,

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.
President



Lily was rescued from Tucson Greyhound Park

P.S. Did you know that GREY2K USA Worldwide does not employ professional fundraisers? That means that every dollar you give will be used to directly fight for greyhounds. **Please mail a generous gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or more today or give online at grey2kusa.org/protect.** The hounds will thank you!