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## "Bad, Skechers." Many Furious Over Greyhound Dog Racing Superbowl Ad



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original post, I have learned that the organization GREY2K USA has been accused of mispending funds on motivations other than truly being in the game to help Greyhounds on an altruistic level. Grey2K USA however insists that they are in it for the Greys. Dealwagger.com does not endorse GREY2K USA or any of the videos embedded in this blog post.

On November 22, 2011, **GREY2K USA** learned that Skechers shoe company had filmed a commercial at Tucson Greyhound Park starring greyhound dogs in running jackets vs. small dogs wearing Skechers sneakers. Sure, this sounds cute, but there are reports cited by GREK2K USA that show mistreatment and abuse. However, there are also pro-racing and pro-Greyhound groups who claim GREY2K and their videos/reports are purely propaganda. The Tuscon Greyhound Park's conditions were documented in recent inspections by Pima County investigators and by a GREY2K USA undercover video first released in 2010 (seen below). Dealwagger.com does not endorse this video: we are putting it out here because we believe there could be a kernel of truth to the claims of poor conditions even if considered propaganda to many.

### Undercover Video of Conditions at TGP

Now here is the video that I cannot ignore. The Tuscon Greyhound Park CEO Tom Taylor refuses to open the living quarters of the TGP and he really throws out some very poor, pathetic comparisons such as the Taj Mahal and the Mona Lisa being seen negatively by some people. Why did he get so defensive and remain so vigilant in keeping it closed to the public when there is nothing to hide? Very suspicious behavior whether GREY2K put together this overall video or not. I just found out the public is kept out because the dogs are not to be disturbed as they are athletes with particular routines that should not be effected by outside sources that may involve the potential for negativity.

Video here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=wdl2Rj\\_7aw0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=wdl2Rj_7aw0)



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## Dog Track CEO Disallows Public Eye to TGP Living Quarters

GREY2K USA **wrote to the company** and **asked people to join them** in asking for this misguided promotion to be cancelled. Thousands of greyhound and canine advocates around the world **signed their petition** and also sent direct e-mails to company officials. GREY2K USA reports that Skechers **denies that it is promoting** dog racing and that the greyhound ad will be aired during February's Super Bowl. Additionally, **Mark Cuban**, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, is to be featured and was present for filming at the dog track.

Last week, Skecher's Vice President of Media Gary Patrick e-mailed GREY2K USA a **three-sentence letter** from the American Humane Association (dated December 5) stating that no animal was harmed in production of the commercial. This is good news, but what about animals being mistreated before or after the shoot?

In this life, you either stand up for what is right, or you stay silent and watch tragedy ensue. I know there are a lot of causes going on today that need attention, but this is happening in our backyard and we can make an impact today by educating one other about the truth. Feel free to post or respond to any comments below and post different resources of your own so we can do research and understand every angle of this

Click the following link to be re-directed to change.org to sign GREY2K's growing petition here: <http://www.change.org/petitions/end-the-cruelty-at-tucson-greyhound-park>

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### Tucson (AZ)

Skechers Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 11:30 am - 1 pm  
3175 N. Campbell Avenue - SW corner of Campbell & Ft. Lowell  
Contact Karyn at [karyn@grey2kusa.org](mailto:karyn@grey2kusa.org)

### San Francisco (CA)

Skechers Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 - 3 pm  
200 Powell Street  
Contact Ashley at [acwestfall@gmail.com](mailto:acwestfall@gmail.com)

### Boston (MA)

Skechers Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 - 3 pm  
417 Washington Street, Downtown Crossing  
Contact Christine at [christine@grey2kusa.org](mailto:christine@grey2kusa.org)

### Albuquerque (NM)

Hosted by **Greyhound Companions of New Mexico!**  
Skechers Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Corner of San Mateo and Cutler Street  
Contact Eric at [eric@grey2kusa.org](mailto:eric@grey2kusa.org)

### Novi (MI)

Hosted by **Michigan REGAP**  
Skechers Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 - 2 pm  
Twelve Oaks Mall, lower level near Nordstrums  
27500 Novi Road  
Contact Theresa at [march17jt@yahoo.com](mailto:march17jt@yahoo.com)

### Estero (FL)

Skechers Outlet Store, Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 - 6 pm  
10801 Corkscrew Raod, #404  
Contact Heather at [seraphs\\_envy@yahoo.com](mailto:seraphs_envy@yahoo.com)

### Salt Lake City (UT)

Skechers Factory Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 12 - 3 pm  
675 East 2100 South  
Contact Eric at [era-recoverynetwork@live.com](mailto:era-recoverynetwork@live.com)

### Loveland (CO)

Hosted by Colorado Animal Rights Enthusiasts  
Skechers Outlet Store, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 - 3 pm  
5661 McWhinney Boulevard, #C040  
For details, contact Danielle at [cherryfox22@yahoo.com](mailto:cherryfox22@yahoo.com)

### Los Angeles (CA)

Hosted by Homestretch Greyhound Rescue and Adoption

Skechers Store, Jan. 28, 10 am - 12 pm

1343 Third Street Promenade

For details, contact Bob at [homestretchgreys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:homestretchgreys@sbcglobal.net)

### Portland (OR)

For details, contact Connie at [carsonlaura@earthlink.net](mailto:carsonlaura@earthlink.net)

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\*The Image above is by David Beisinger: He has donated much of his time and efforts to greyhound rescue for over 22 years now and he is a professional photographer. He creates these images to raise both awareness and funds for [USA Dog](#). You can visit his websites [www.dbeisinger.com](http://www.dbeisinger.com) as well as [www.usadog.org](http://www.usadog.org) to see more photos and learn more about greyhound rescue. Thank you for allowing us to use your image, David. We appreciate it!

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## 70 comments:

Anonymous Jan 26, 2012 11:10 AM

What ajoke you people are ! WOW !

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[dealwagger.com](#) Jan 26, 2012 03:59 PM

Please be more specific and help educate us, Anonymous. A comment like yours does not help anyone learn.

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Anonymous Jan 26, 2012 11:14 AM

Plus you stole the photo from Rachel Hogue without permission ! Low Lifes !!

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## Replies



dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 03:57 PM

I deleted the picture and apologized personally to Rachel Hogue. She accepted my apology. The name-calling I do not agree with.

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## Reply



dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 11:39 AM

Apologies to Rachel Hogue, the image in question was replaced.

The only people that are low lives are those profiting off Greyhound racing where the animals are mistreated/abused. One of these 'Anonymous' folks e-mailed me saying thousands of jobs will be lost if we close down Greyhound Racing arenas. Are you asking that we turn a blind eye to those arenas who mistreat dogs due to human jobs being lost? If there are arenas who are treating the dogs with dignity, then so be it, they should not get shut down.

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Grey2Ksucks Jan 26, 2012 12:40 PM

Really, your head is in the ground. Come out from under the rock and see what's really going on. dealwagger.com , you don't come close to having a clue!



Steve Jan 26, 2012 01:39 PM

How do you eat your own BS? Seriously? You state that the dogs are kept in small, cramped cages they can't even stand in, and not 2 inches away you have a video CLEARLY SHOWING that the cages are in fact large enough to pace in. Stop swallowing GREY2Ks spoon-fed lies and open your eyes to the truth. Yes, there are abuses, but they are not industry wide. Nor does GREY2K actually do anything to help those dogs, they just profit off of the abuse.

Anonymous Jan 26, 2012 02:06 PM

Dealwagger...change the name to TONGUE-wagger, then bite yours hard! As someone who was born into the greyhound business as my father and his father before him, I can tell you that I have never seen anything close to what Grey2K portrays. If there is anyone mistreating their registered dogs, they are shutdown and removed from the NGA. We do not condone any kind of abuse to the dogs and have done much more for them than Grey2K has. Grey2K is NOT in it for humane reasons, but rather for political and monetary ones. They are hypocrites. We are not asking you or anyone to "turn a blind eye" but to realize that the industry is not the devil that you make it out to be. Plus, it is disgusting that Grey2K and some of the groups like it PURPOSELY hold dogs back and let them get sick in order to get more money from the bleeding hearts.

Kristy Blanck



dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 03:49 PM

No need for name-calling. Let's educate one another, rather.

Its clear that I did not do enough research when it comes to GREY2K, BUT nevertheless, why would Tucson Greyhound Park CEO Tom Taylor refuse to open the grounds to the public eye?

So let's take GREY2K out of this equation and focus on helping raise awareness for those greyhounds who are being mistreated.

Anonymous Jan 26, 2012 03:59 PM

I will admit that the name calling does not help, but I was mad and "deal-wagger"/"tongue-wagger" was too good to resist especially talking about dogs. We are all passionate in our beliefs and about the greys. If we really could remove Grey2K from all of this, it would be much easier to raise true awareness and the people involved for the RIGHT reasons can do even more for the breed.



Steve Jan 26, 2012 06:11 PM

Dealwagger, you are correct that SOME tracks need reforms. Some of them are down right awful. Most are not. In fact, the three that Grey2K closed recently were among the best in the country for caring and placement. What is needed is reform, not closures.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 06:22 AM

Kristy Blanck clearly has no correct information about GREY2K USA. First of all, GREY2K USA is not an adoption group, but she makes ridiculous accusations about dogs intentionally being made sick or held back. That is patently ridiculous. The NGA must decide if they're going to play the role of "we're just a registry" or "we're in charge" of the dogs. The greyhounds starved to death in Ronnie Williams care were all NGA dogs. The dogs that are injured and killed on race tracks in the US are all NGA dogs. Greyhounds are bred for racing because of the NGA. And when NGA members are finished with their dogs, they are killed or handed over to adoption groups to assume all of the costs of vetting and rehoming them. Claiming the NGA has done much for the dogs is like claiming the auto industry has done a lot for cars. For both industries, what they turn out is a product (many breeders talk about their top "producers"), and as such, it only has value as long as it is profitable.

Anonymous Jan 27, 2012 07:55 AM

I should not have called them "adoption group", it just gives good adoption groups a bad name so I do apologize for that. However, they are not ridiculous accusations. I suppose I could say that you are making ridiculous accusations as well (but I won't).

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 09:55 AM

Kristy - "It is disgusting that Grey2K and some of the groups like it PURPOSELY hold dogs back and let them get sick in order to get more money from the bleeding hearts."

That is a ridiculous, inappropriate accusation.

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Reply

Rachel Hogue Jan 26, 2012 01:28 PM

For the record, I don't leave anonymous comments.

I'll restate:

GREY2K USA is a radical animal rights group full of lies and political agendas. They masquerade as a non-profit rescue group, which couldn't be further from the truth. In reality,

their mission is to end greyhound racing and close tracks across the country. When tracks close, hundreds of people are left without jobs, and over one thousand greyhounds are left without homes. Greyhound adoption groups are not equipped to handle this enormous influx of hounds. This is when real tragedy strikes. GREY2K claims to help the greyhounds, yet they donate virtually no money to the adoption groups that have to pick up their slack.

To those who want the real facts:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/dazzleme/sets/72157627145032411/with/5970627752/>

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dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 03:54 PM

Rachel,

Thank you for showing us another side to closing down tracks. Unfortunately, I should have researched GREY2K in a more in-depth fashion. I appreciate your passion and openness to help Greyhounds.

Rachel Hogue Jan 27, 2012 12:19 AM

Thank you for considering both sides and being willing to revisit the issue. Your open-mindedness does not go unappreciated! :)

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 06:06 AM

Rachel and DealWagger, GREY2K USA is not a "rescue group" and has never portrayed itself as such. GREY2K USA is a lobbying group, organized as a 501(c)4 corporation with a single mission: End greyhound racing. They are not an adoption agency, they're a political agency working to pass laws and enact legislation. As such, they have the support of adoption and rescue groups across the country. It is unfortunate, DealWaggerthat, you have relied on incorrect information in revising your post.

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Reply



Steve Jan 26, 2012 01:48 PM

For what its worth, nearly every greyhound owner I've met, whether pro-racing, anti-racing, or neutral, has acknowledged that Grey2k propaganda is full of lies and misinformation not just about racing, but about the breed themselves. Even people I know that donate to them excuse it by saying "That's what it takes to change people's minds". Despicable.

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dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 03:50 PM

It was my own mistake by not doing enough research on the organization before I cited them as a legitimate source for my blog post. Thank you for your input.

Anonymous Jan 27, 2012 08:00 AM

Dealwagger--thank you for be willing to listen. Even if you keep your views, which is completely fine, we appreciate that you are doing your research in all areas of this topic. Kristy Blanck

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Reply

Brian Wimmer Jan 26, 2012 02:31 PM

Grey2K has an agenda and it is not to help greyhounds, greyhounds are not in need of their help. The agenda of Grey2K is to end gambling in this country. Carey Theil, one of the founders of Grey2K, sits on the board of directors of the anti gambling group called Stop Predatory Gambling, their previous name was the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

The next time you see an article from Grey2K just ask yourself : "HOW" do they know that? "WHY" do they care? The answers: They don't and to stop gambling.

Grey2K's 2008 IRS 990 return reveals that the organization spends nothing-zero-on direct services to benefit greyhounds or adoption. Instead, 53% of it's budget goes to lobbying. (www.guidestar.org).

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Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 06:12 AM

Brian, you are incorrect, again. Yes, Carey Theil is on the board of the group you mention, but that group is not in any other way connected to GREY2K USA. The mission of GREY2K USA is, and always has been, to end greyhound racing. Period.

HOW does GREY2K USA know stuff? Because they do the research, gathering state and track documents, to compile the facts. WHY do they care? Because greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane.

And again, GREY2K USA is a LOBBYING group. That's all we've ever been. Your attempts to discredit GREY2K USA are disingenuous and inappropriate.

Anonymous Jan 27, 2012 04:36 PM

Grey2k also is a 501c3 as another facet of their operation. They just alter the name slightly.

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Reply



dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 03:52 PM

Brian,

Thank you for this information rather than name-calling. Next time around, I will do more in-depth research when I quote a source thought to be legitimate.

Reply

Betty Zubritsky Jan 26, 2012 07:43 PM

The reason track management cannot just fling open the kennel doors and let the public in is very simple. First, the track management does not own the dogs. Each kennel is a separate entity, owned individually and under contract to be housed there. Track management provides security that keeps the kennels safe from intruders. I don't work at the Tucson facility, but I've been around some and no kennel compound I'm aware of allows free visitation. The dogs rely on a routine and positive energy. These are highly sensitive (not fragile) animals who know

their handlers and are secure with them. Introducing negativity to their insulated place will cause them distress. As much as we'd love to invite folks in to see what we do and how charming our dogs are, the games we play and the cuddles and the kisses.... we have to cater to the needs of the dogs first. They are athletes, and they need their down-time. And frankly, if I don't know what you have on your hands or in your pockets, I won't let you anywhere near them. I'm sorry if that's brutal or aggressive, but their safety is my job, and I take it very seriously. Yes, even when I'm singing them silly songs and dancing with them in the sunshine. They are first. I'll battle anybody on any turf for the love of my dogs, but not in my kennel. My dogs are napping.

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dealwagger.com  Jan 26, 2012 08:01 PM

Understood-- so why didn't the CEO just explain that in the News interview? That was very odd behavior. Betty, it sounds like you are a real animal lover and it shows through your passionate words. You've also made everyone jealous by throwing out the words "silly songs", "cuddles", and "kisses". Thanks for bringing such imperative information to this thread.

Betty Zubritsky Jan 26, 2012 08:38 PM

I can't speak for the CEO. Maybe he (or she) did try to make it clear, but that portion was edited. It happens a lot when horror stories sell the news and anything that actually explains the truth falls to the cutting room floor. Thank you for hearing me. It matters.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 06:15 AM

And then, when Betty has finished singing silly songs, giving cuddles, and handing out kisses, she locks the door behind her, leaving those greyhounds locked in their cages until she returns.

The attempts to explain Tom Taylor's actions are incomprehensible. Especially since he recently did invite a news crew into one of the kennels at TGP, albeit one of the best there, with a trainer who does care for his dogs. But that trainer also locks them in their cages, inside their kennel building. It's no life for a dog. Even Tom Taylor said he wouldn't keep a pet dog under those conditions. Taylor very clearly stated that he would not let the news crew into a kennel because he didn't know what people would think of what they saw. We know what people would think - they would be disgusted and appalled.

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Reply

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 06:26 AM

DealWagger, I am a board member of GREY2K USA and as such have taken offense to many of the comments posted here. I have attempted to answer each of the inaccuracies and mischaracterizations. It is unfortunate that you have been misled in so many ways. I invite you to do your own research, look at the GREY2K USA webpage, and follow the sources for the information published.

In addition to my work for GREY2K USA, I am an adoption volunteer for a local adoption/rescue group, deeply involved in taking greyhounds from the tracks, from pounds, from unwilling owners, etc., and working to put them in appropriate, forever homes.

I don't want to make your blog a battleground, but I will not abide such lies in any format.

Reply

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Dealwagger Jan 27, 2012 07:53 AM

I will do more research on your site and I am trying to show and respect the opinions of both sides. In the end I want to help the dogs, not to be fuel for a conflict. Thank you for responding with your points and experience as a board member. Please explain your involvement with anti-gambling.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 09:59 AM

GREY2K USA has no anti-gambling involvement. The pro-racing side uses this lie about anti-gambling to try to discredit the work of GREY2K USA. Our mission is simple - end greyhound racing. One of the founders of GREY2K USA may well be affiliated with an anti-gambling group, but that is outside of any involvement with GREY2K USA. Board members in all organizations have outside interests and memberships, but they do not reflect the goals or missions of the organizations.

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Reply

Christine Dorchak Jan 27, 2012 08:08 AM

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit organization with no position on the general issue of gambling. Our concern, and our opposition rests exclusively with the cruelty and killing of greyhound gambling. We are fervently opposed to dog racing and are working to pass laws to protect greyhounds nationwide, with a new perspective on worldwide activities as well. For example, please see our dedicated web page at <http://www.grey2kusa.org/rescuebrooklyn/>

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.  
President and General Counsel  
GREY2K USA

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dealwagger.com Jan 27, 2012 08:27 AM

Christine, thanks For clarifying and for the link. We appreciate any input that is non-aggressive and informative for those seeking views of both sides.

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Reply

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 08:15 AM

Christine and Eric continue with their rhetoric regarding the care of racing Greyhounds. Those who abuse Greyhounds are abolished from the industry. Period. These people are the exceptions, not the rule. G2k takes a very safe sport and tweaks the numbers to make it seem that it is not. Grey2k lies about the safety of the sport and the well being of its fine athletes. They are interested in nothing more than making a nice living from their deceit.

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dealwagger.com Jan 27, 2012 08:33 AM

Roger, can you present any literature with some level of credibility that opposes Grey2k's record of the mistreatment of Greyhounds? It would help. And what of the

CEO Tom Taylor's absurd interview posted above? I personally took his behavior to be that of a dishonest man.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 09:26 AM

The injury statistics on their own G2k website for West Virginia. No one, pro-racing or anti-racing, is going to say that Greyhound racing is 100% safe, and that injuries never occur. Injuries are inevitable. The WV report states that there were 707 injuries in a 21 month period. During that period there were approximately 13,440 races involving 107,520 Greyhounds. 107,520 opportunities for a Greyhound to injure itself. More than half of the injuries (54%) were minor - non career-ending.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 10:02 AM

Roger, so the other 46% of injuries were serious or career-ending? That's abysmal. More than 325 greyhounds were injured so severely that they either died, were euthanized, or could not race again. Disgusting and shocking.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 10:10 AM

Roger, the numbers speak for themselves. Take a look at the Arizona report - <http://www.grey2kusa.org/pdf/AZ2011.pdf>, particularly relevant since Skechers decided to film their ad at Tucson Greyhound Park.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 10:27 AM

Statistically, Eric, Greyhound racing is very safe. Unfortunately, injuries do occur. I understand that in the eyes of the radicals (PETA, HSUS, G2K) one injury is one too many. In more than 100,000 opportunities for a serious injury, it occurred less than 0.04% of the time. For most rational adults, this would be considered a very safe sport.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 11:35 AM

But for 325 greyhounds, those injuries were either fatal or severe enough to end their racing careers. When the injuries occur that frequently, I don't think you can use the term "very safe" to describe the activity.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 11:45 AM

Well, I suppose that's where we can agree to disagree. The numbers speak for themselves. Donations to G2k will continue to decrease as people realize what the group is really trying to accomplish, and the underhanded tactics that they use to manipulate the facts.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 07:01 PM

Yes, Roger, we'll continue to disagree on the fundamental nature of the business. The anti-racing people will continue to think it is inappropriate to injure, maim, and slaughter greyhounds. The industry will continue to look at the numbers and say, "Yeah, that's fine. We'll breed more."

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 08:02 PM

Here's the difference, Eric. I've been in the business for more than 30 years. The people that I know and have dealt with (none of them), think it's appropriate the "injure, maim and slaughter" Greyhounds. None. You only know what your handlers have fed you. You've never been to a racing kennel, and you've never visited a

breeding farm. You don't know.

**Eric Jackson** Jan 28, 2012 03:14 PM

Perhaps the people you know don't think it's appropriate to injure, maim, and slaughter greyhounds, but it still happens. It's an integral part of the industry. As long as greyhounds are being raced around an oval track, in a group, they will continue to get injured, maimed, and killed. And as long as the racing industry accepts that risk, well, then they're apparently deeming it appropriate.

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Reply

**Christine Dorchak** Jan 27, 2012 08:29 AM

It is wonderful for you to share your perspective, Roger. When the citizens of Massachusetts heard similar blandishments of dog racing with loose claims that greyhound advocates were criticizing a "wonderful industry," they looked at the state's own records, saw that a greyhounds was injured every 3-4 days while racing and that dogs were kept confined in small cages at Raynham and Wonderland Parks, and you know what? Then they went to the polls and voted for the dog - in double digits, and ended dog racing. I was the author of the ballot question which prohibited the betting and wagering on greyhounds in the Commonwealth.

In fact, twenty-six tracks have closed for live racing since GREY2K USA's formation in 2001. <http://grey2kusa.org/action/states.html>

Thankfully, the greyhounds are now overcoming their long exploitation. Tracks are closing state by state, year by year. It is time for greyhounds to be just dogs again, not racing machines.

Reply

**Christine Dorchak** Jan 27, 2012 08:31 AM

Thanks for letting me share my perspective.

Reply

**Roger Tillman** Jan 27, 2012 08:32 AM

The voters of Massachusetts were lied to by G2K. They were shown photos of kennels that were not even located in the state and provided with misleading injury statistics. An "injury" by G2k standards is minor sprain or broken nail. Serious injuries are far and few between.

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**Eric Jackson** Jan 27, 2012 10:08 AM

Unless you look at West Virginia, where serious, career-ending injuries are apparently commonplace: "More than half of the injuries (54%) were minor - non career-ending." The conclusion is that the remaining 46% were serious enough to result in death, euthanization, or the end of a racing career. Almost one in two injuries reaching that level of severity is definitely NOT "few and far between" (corrected from the original).

**Eric Jackson** Jan 27, 2012 10:12 AM

This is a common, incredibly arrogant assumption from the pro-racing side - if you don't agree with them, you must be misinformed, naive, or ignorant.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 10:30 AM

You can see my response to the WV numbers above. Clearly, racing in WV is very safe. Serious injuries are, in FACT, far and few between. Occurring 325 times out of more than 100,000 individual opportunities. Perhaps if you were a 'full-time' teacher, Eric, you may be able to realize the factual statistics represented here.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 11:32 AM

For 325 greyhounds, the injuries were extremely serious. How many greyhounds were raced during that time? Not the number of starts, but the number of greyhounds.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 12:15 PM

I don't know. But it's irrelevant. Statistically, you consider the number of opportunities for an injury to occur.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 07:03 PM

Not necessarily, Roger, but if it makes you feel better...And I know the industry likes to use "starts" because it sounds better. If you look at the number of races on a given card, and multiply that by eight dogs per race, you find that injuries and deaths are quite common occurrences in terms of days of the week when they occur.

Meanwhile, those dogs are still dead. Hundreds of others have been injured or maimed. You're never going to convince me that killing greyhounds for human entertainment is acceptable.

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Reply

Brian Wimmer Jan 27, 2012 08:39 AM

If you want the truth about greyhound racing, go to this link. There is also info on this site about the shady things Carey Theil is up to regarding the West Virginia gubernatorial race and the accusations of an extortion plot!!

<http://www.agcouncil.com/>

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Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 10:03 AM

Brian, your insinuation is inappropriate and should be removed.

Brian Wimmer Jan 27, 2012 10:24 AM

Oh Eric, are you really trying to get me to remove another post? The one on the USA TODAY site is still there too.

Whats wrong? Did I hit a nerve with the WV story?

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 11:31 AM

You hit a nerve when you make unfounded, slanderous accusations that are

completely inappropriate.

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Reply

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 08:48 AM

Brian - Very interesting stuff. I had no idea Carey Theil (Christine Dorchak's husband) was involved with Marshall Rae - the man accused in the WV extortion plot. Shame on G2k.

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Brian Wimmer Jan 27, 2012 10:26 AM

OH yeah, I believe the trial is going on as we speak.

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Reply

Brian Wimmer Jan 27, 2012 10:31 AM

Dealwagger: Here is a video you can add to your blog.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPkjLtyTfo4&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPkjLtyTfo4&feature=share)

Reply

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 11:17 AM

That's a great video, Brian. Those Greyhounds look pretty happy to me. And the kennels / crates they're living in seem more than large enough. Greyhounds will sleep 14 - 18 hours a day, and are turned out for about six hours a day. 4D meat is perfectly acceptable and safe for animal consumption. Seems like these fine athletes lead a pretty good life.

Reply

Anonymous Jan 27, 2012 12:37 PM

Please, DealWagger, don't let the very people who make a living off the backs of these racers convince you that Grey2K isn't in it for the dogs. I've been rescuing greyhounds almost 20 years and I know an interloper when I see one, and Grey2K is not. Grey2K has done more to protect racing greyhounds since 2001 than any other organization.

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Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 12:43 PM

People don't "rescue" Greyhounds. People adopt them. Greyhounds make such wonderful pets BECAUSE of the incredible care and attention they're given throughout their working life. Some people will do and say anything to keep that G2k paycheck coming every two weeks.

Eric Jackson Jan 27, 2012 07:06 PM

No, Roger, some of us "rescue" greyhounds. We rescue them from bad homes, from pounds, from unwilling owners, from the streets. We don't care if they're coming

directly from a track, we rescue them from anywhere. And some of the tracks, the dogs need to be rescued. It's a shame nobody rescued the Williams' dogs at Ebro.

And please stop with the talk of GREY2K USA paychecks. If you were paying attention, you would know that most of the supporters, including board members, are unpaid volunteers. We don't do it for the money, we do it for the dogs. Another difference between GREY2K USA and the racing industry.

Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 08:06 PM

Money is an issue when two people personally benefit in excess of six figures for their lies, deceit and misinformation.

Eric Jackson Jan 28, 2012 03:11 PM

Yes, there is a small paid staff at GREY2K USA, but there are no lies, there is no deceit, and the information is accurate. If you have evidence to the contrary, please post it. Otherwise, stop making unfounded accusations.

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Reply

Val Wolf Jan 27, 2012 04:03 PM

It is unconscionable that Skechers would shoot an ad at this notorious dog track where hundreds of dogs live lives of confinement and suffer injuries on the track.

At Tucson Greyhound Park, greyhounds are kept confined in small cages which are barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around. They are fed raw 4-D meat, the meat of downed, diseased, disabled or dead livestock. This was documented in a recent video investigation.

While racing, greyhounds face the risk of serious injury. According to state records, between January 2007 and November 2009, nearly 1,000 greyhound injuries were reported at Arizona racetracks. The most common injury was a broken leg, and other reported injuries included fractures, sprains, dislocations, muscle tears and strains, lacerations, a cracked skull, broken backs, heat stroke, puncture wounds and paralysis. To learn more, please see our full report and video at [www.grey2kusa.org](http://www.grey2kusa.org).

Val Wolf, Board Member GREY2K USA

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Roger Tillman Jan 27, 2012 08:17 PM

What is wrong with 4D meat fed to dogs? How many dogs have gotten sick from eating 4D meat? As far as your injury "statistics", broken legs are not the most common (according to the Arizona injury statistics). Many of the fractures reported are toes or tails, and most Greyhounds return to racing after those minor injuries. As in West Virginia, most of the Arizona injuries are minor, and not career-ending. And G\$K also does not report the number of races that occurred during the reporting period (three years), covering two different tracks (Phoenix and Tucson). We're talking about 45,000 - 50,000 races. Greyhound racing is statistically very safe.

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Reply

Anonymous Jan 27, 2012 05:13 PM

Has Eric been benched and they have brought in the Grey2k mouthpiece Val?

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