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## STATEMENT BY GREY2K USA ON THE CLOSURE OF WONDERLAND GREYHOUND PARK

“This morning, Wonderland Greyhound Park announced its permanent closure.

In November 2008, Massachusetts citizens overwhelmingly voted to end greyhound racing. The Greyhound Protection Act passed in nearly 290 cities and towns from one end of the state to the other. Voters made this humane choice because greyhound racing was cruel and inhumane.

For decades, greyhounds at Wonderland were kept in small cages for long hours each day. This is documented by statements made by greyhound trainers working at Wonderland, and by photographs that were taken by the track itself.

Additionally, between 2002 and 2008, 317 greyhound injuries were reported at Wonderland. This includes dogs like Renkar, a greyhound who died at the track in August 2006 after suffering massive head trauma. Most reported injuries at Wonderland were serious, and a majority involved broken legs.

These are not the only humane issues that were documented at Wonderland. In the Spring of 2005 nineteen dogs at Wonderland Greyhound Park died from a mystery illness that was later proven to be a form of horse flu that had never before jumped species. In late 2003 and early 2004, a dog tested positive for cocaine twice at Wonderland Greyhound Park.

The end of greyhound racing in the Commonwealth is a victory for everyone who cares about dogs. For generations, Massachusetts has been a leader on humane issues, and the end of greyhound racing continues this proud tradition.

Finally, we encourage everyone to continue supporting efforts to assist those who have been displaced by the closure of Wonderland. We made sure that Question 3 included a 14-month phase out to help these individuals, and all efforts should be made to provide them with the transitional assistance they deserve.”

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 30,000 supporters nationwide. For more information, go to [www.GREY2KUSA.org](http://www.GREY2KUSA.org).

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