

# Greyhounds | Cara campaign to help greyhounds Canidrome disappeared without a trace

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**Where is Brooklyn? The question is echoing not only in Macau, but in the international community that has been manifested by the animal welfare. The dog is the face of the campaign to save the greyhounds running on Canidrome Macau disappeared without trace since last year**

In an email sent to HM the Grey2K USA - U.S. organization that fights since 2001, the extinction of greyhound racing - asks for help finding Brooklyn, greyhound face of the campaign to help the animals of Canidrome. In May 2012 as reported by HM, the Brooklyn ran last in the lane Yat Yuen. The animal was severely wounded in the leg and had other injuries, six months after the Grey2k USA have asked for his release. At the time, Albano Martins, President of ANIMA - Society for the Protection of Animals, including the HM commented that the face of the campaign to protect the greyhound dogs were slaughtered, the public would fall on the SAR Government. The slaughter of a dog in the conditions of Brooklyn is not unusual, when in Macau, there are hundreds of greyhounds dying from wounds and injuries or simply because they can not achieve the top positions in the races. But in January this year, Government ensured that Brooklyn is alive. Seven months after being told that the greyhound had been cured of all his wounds, was not seen on the runway Canidrome more. The Executive assured the dog would be just low. "The Brooklyn is now in charge of the Company's Canidrome Yat Yuen and remains low after his wound to be healed," read in an e-mail sent by the Directorate of Inspection and Coordination Games (DCIJ) Grey2k the USA . now, however, no one really knows where you're going to Brooklyn. Previously, he had said that if the dog was really alive, the government could prove it. Last week it was the turn of Grey2K inquire, in an email that came addressed to all Macao residents. "We need help to find the Brooklyn and close this cruel place once and for all."

The lack of a program

The email sent to HM also comes accompanied by a letter which was addressed to Chui Sai On at the end of October. The document - on behalf of representatives of Grey2K of Animals Animals Asia and Australia, where they come greyhounds to Macau - mentioned several requests from various organizations around the world have been ignored. Requests that pass through the closure of Canidrome or at least to create a program of adoption. "Despite requests from the director of ANIMA respectful and in complete disregard of international applications to change something that the owners of the track refused even the most basic improvements in the treatment of dogs. In fact, a visit to the kennels of a representative of



the RSPCA requested so they could be shown more humane techniques [in the treatment of animals] was denied. "

the letter continues, revealing how, worldwide, revenues from this type of racing have been declining and canidromos close. In September, the 50th anniversary of Yat Yuen, HM realized that in just seven days, 95 greyhounds were reported injured by the Company Yat Yuen Canidrome. Two killed, seven were permanently withdrawn from racing. The data collected by HM are presented on the company website and also show that, in the month in which the Canidrome celebrates 50 years of existence, 47 animals were injured - two of them permanent. The HM also reviewed the most recent figures on the company's revenue, which showed that the Yat Yuen has been losing money since 2010. That year, Canidrome got 340 million patacas in revenue, rising to accumulate 297 million patacas in the next year and only 205 million in 2012. Last year, the Company's Canidrome had a break of 31% in revenues and the data also show that the Yat Yuen is losing punters in the greyhound racing concerns - the amount wagered on greyhounds has been declining since 2010, 1659 million to 985 million patacas in 2012 and 437 million in the first two quarters of this year. The Grey2K analyzes these data as evidence that the population "is turn on the track."

Attempting to create a program for the adoption has already been made by ANIMA. But both the Institute for Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), as the Yat Yuen always put problems in the process. More recently, she learned that the adoption will be done in the Canidrome, and fits just get ANIMA adopters, which left the society's president disappointed. So far, it is known, no greyhound was adopted.

Previously, information was disclosed as confidential by ensuring that IACM about 30 dogs were slaughtered per month.

campaign "Save the Brooklyn" began in late 2010, after a visit representative Grey2K USA to Macau. At the time, in addition to the partnership made with ANIMA, the U.S. organization has launched a campaign to convince the owners of the Company of Racing Greyhounds Macau Yat Yuen to allow Brooklyn was adopted after leaving the races as a way to create a example to be followed for more animals. More than 28,000 people signed a petition to save the greyhounds. HM tried to contact the bureau to find out what the state of the dog, but being Sunday, it was not possible to obtain information.