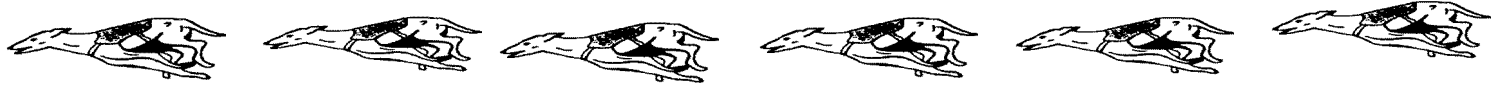




Running for their Lives!



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A Greyt 2008!

Best year ever for our campaign

2008 has been the best year ever for our campaign to end commercial dog racing and protect greyhounds from suffering and slaughter.



February, Wolverhampton

Demo at Monmore Green greyhound track

Two major dog tracks, Walthamstow and Reading, have closed, following regular leafleting and protests by local Greyhound Action supporters, and several others are in serious financial difficulties.

Plans to open two more tracks, in Edinburgh and Cockermouth, were rejected, after a barrage of complaints from greyhound protection campaigners.

Figures issued by the racing industry indicated that 5,000 fewer greyhounds were being put to death annually.

The British Greyhound Racing Board announced that attendances at dog tracks had fallen by a further 4.1% (a reduction of 17.5% since 2001).



January, London - Protest outside British Greyhound Racing Board awards

More demos and leafleting sessions took place outside greyhound tracks in 2008 than in any previous year.

This was in addition to the many GA information stalls, held in city centres throughout the country.

Several hard-hitting media exposés helped to educate the public even further about the appalling plight of greyhounds at the hands of the racing industry.

In the Irish Republic dog track attendances fell by 11%, with profits down 10% from 2007 levels.



March, Naas - Demo outside Irish Greyhound Board awards



May, Kings Lynn Information stall

Thank you so much to all our supporters for making it a greyt 2008. Let's not forget though, that with over 25,000 greyhounds still being "put down" every year, because of commercial dog racing in the UK and Ireland, we still have a long way to go. Please continue to help us put an end to the evil racing industry, so we can save them all.



July, Congleton

Info stall



June, Norwich - Greyhound awareness event



April, Leeds

Demo outside northern greyhound racing industry awards



August, Northwich – Info stall



August, Yarmouth

Demo at greyhound stadium



September, Oswestry

Stall at greyhound rescue event



October, Peterborough
Demo at greyhound stadium



November, Manchester
Greyhound remembrance event



November, Welshpool

Info stall

More good news from the USA

Greyhound racing banned in MA, Guam track closes



Rally in support of Proposition 3 – to ban dog racing in Massachusetts

With thanks to Grey2K USA

The lights will all go out for the dog racing industry in Massachusetts after voters passed a greyhound protection law, meaning that the state's two tracks must close next year.

Commercial greyhound racing has now been banned in nine US states in the past 15 years.

The owner of the greyhound stadium on the US territory of Guam closed the track after failing to win permission to open a casino there.

In Arizona, South Tucson voters adopted a proposition to improve the welfare of dogs that race at the local Greyhound Park.

Financial crisis for William Hill

Soaring debts/falling shares for greyhound killers

According to a recent Times article, bookies William Hill are £1.4 billion in debt and have seen the value of their shares plunge more than 60% over the past year.

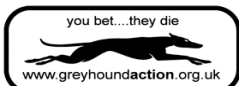
William Hill are responsible for the deaths of hundreds of greyhounds every year, with their ownership of the Newcastle and Sunderland tracks and financing of the greyhound racing industry through bets placed with them on the dogs.

In 2005, Greyhound Action launched a boycott of William Hill, as part of our *Virtual Virtues* campaign, which aims to persuade bookmakers to cease their involvement in greyhound racing and concentrate on virtual (computerised) racing instead.

Demos and info stalls have been held throughout the country in support of the campaign.



One of many demos against William Hill



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