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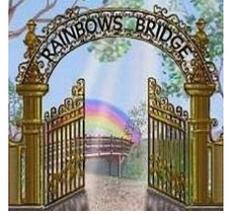
Track Closings



We NEED foster homes



Adoptions



Rainbow Bridge

Tracks are Closing Around the World!



GREAT, Inc. was founded in 1993, and in that time, we've placed hundreds and hundreds of dogs in forever homes! Here in the state of Florida, many of us felt that while greyhound racing was unlikely to end in our lifetimes, its decline was inevitable.

But now, there is new hope. Things are changing, here in Florida, with the help of dedicated public servants who put forth bill after bill to address decoupling, death reporting and injury reporting and nev-

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We Need Foster Homes!



Our headline story is fantastic news for those of us who are working towards the end of the exploitation of greyhounds for "sport." But with this news comes a new call to action - displaced greyhounds will need a safe place to go.

GREAT and our sister GAF will continue to work with any track, owner, trainer or group to place dogs into homes. We don't have the same views regarding most things greyhound, but one thing we should ALL have in common is placing the dogs' welfare first and

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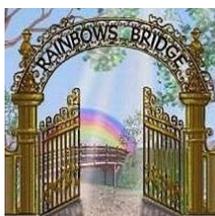
Congratulations to these new families:

Bittel, Nathan and Lindsey Flynn
Brown, Heather, Delta, Abbie & Aiden
Centanni, Heather, Mike & Olivia
Croxtton, Corey
Daley, Maria, Mike, Sloane & Maeve
Donovan, Laura

Freyja (formerly Fury)
Axel (formerly Franz)
Nikki
Dino
Gracie
Morris

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Rainbow Bridge



Our deepest sympathies to the following, for the loss of their beloved pets:

Adler, Gus
Armading, Trisch & Rich
Browning, Bess & Mark
Cartwright, Hila, Andrew & Jack
Cavalieri, Jennifer & Bill
DuBois, Janet & Mark
Gilbert, Darryl & Buddy Holliday
Grabowski, Amy & Laurie Kozbelt

Cooper
Hutton
Grace
Starry
Bella
Hoops
Jackson
Mackenzie

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er letting up on the pressure, even when faced with political games that meant great bills with bipartisan support could not make it through both houses. Greyhound welfare advocate group GREY2K USA has been at the front lines of the fight here in Florida for years, and in 2015 published a comprehensive report on racing greyhound deaths in Florida. And in 2016, a group of greyhound and animal advocates that formed the Committee to Protect Greyhounds were instrumental in getting an ordinance for greyhound injury reporting passed in Seminole County.

Now, reports are coming in from around the globe about the decline and end of greyhound racing! New South Wales in Australia has banned greyhound racing, the world's worst track in Macau - the Canidrome - is closing forever, and here in the US, the Mobile Greyhound Park is closing in a couple of weeks, and the Flagler track (Miami) is ending racing in favor of Jai Alai. This truly is the beginning of the end of this blood sport!

Foster Homes, continued

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foremost.

If you have fostered for GREAT before and would like to become active again, or if you have never fostered before and would like to know more, please contact Don Goldstein at dgoldstein1@tampabay.rr.com. As always, if I can help in any way, please contact me at greytmom2008@gmail.com.

The hardest part about fostering greyhounds is giving them up. But knowing that you are part of a system that takes these dogs from a hopeless existence and uncertain end to a loving forever home makes that temporary sadness so worth it. After all, the next greyhound is just waiting for his or her chance to come into your care!

Adoptions, continued

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Farrah, Elizabeth
Gazell, Jan & George
Gilbert, Darryl & Buddy Holliday
Grammer, LeeAnn, Natalie & Jessica
Johansmeyer, Cynthia
Pacetti, Bonny
Pieper, Susan & Gene
Price, Sarah, Mike, Madeline & Leo
Rubino, Mona, Chris & Angela
Traczyk, Ashley & Taylor Wilkey

Macho
Joe
Titan
Leia (formerly Stevie)
Rose
GiGi
Sami
Mike
Cinch (formerly Chinch)
Jet (formerly Jed)

Rainbow Bridge, continued

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GREAT
Hoffman, Kathy & Greg
Howley, Dan
Ilse, Judy
Melvin, Diane
Miller, Jean & Gary Cegin
Perfect, Shelley
Prescott, Judy
Rubottom, Rachel & Doug
Runyon, Royetta
Shirkman, Nancy
Swisher, Betsy
Varnberg, Marilyn & Russ Anderson
Worrell, Connie & Brent

Dallas
Bo
Benny
Cajun
Ace
Dash
Elsie
Tasha
Beau
Abigail
Lily
Coco
Tanner & Zoey
Mr. D