

Life from a racing greyhound's eyes

- If I make it out of the breeding farm: I begin training at the age of one year. (About 7,000 puppies are destroyed a year.)
- I begin racing at 18 months old. Sometimes I'm given steroids or cocaine to enhance my performance. I can race till age 5.
- I move into a small cage in a large cement complex with many dogs, where I spend 18-22 hours per day. I sleep on shredded paper or old carpet scraps, that rubs my fur away and tender skin raw.
- The fleas and ticks bite me. I'm often exposed to preventable but contagious diseases because of my close living quarters with so many other dogs and lack of shots.
- I fear a track injury: We run in a pack at 30 to 40 mph, I fear being pushed and running into the electrified rail or having a leg severed by the mechanical arm that will not stop if I fall.
- The only humans I see are handlers who never play with me. My only real exercise is when I race.
- People who bet on me, do not know that if I lose again, I may not see them again. There are over 15,000 dogs a year destroyed, just because they couldn't run fast enough, since there are so many other greyhounds bred, waiting to replace me.
- Sometimes we're moved to lower grade tracks or sent to medical research facilities because we are free, bleed well, and we are gentle to researchers
- But there's REGAP who rescues us if we are allowed to go, takes care of our medical needs and then carefully finds the right home for us.
- I AM A RACING GREYHOUND who needs a home. My rescuers need donations and volunteers to help more greyhounds like me to safety. And most importantly, so they can end this blood sport.



A REGAP Rescuer checks the tags of a newly rescued greyhound and two others rest nearby as they are all transported to safety!

WHAT MAKES REGAP UNIQUE? YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A GREYHOUND TO HELP GREYHOUNDS! REGAP is made up of energetic and passionate people who make greyhound rescue possible. Join our volunteer "Teams" including Rescue, Adoption Agents & Application Reviewers, Fostering, Events and Fundraising, Follow up phone calls to foster homes and much more. Any time you can give, helps save a life.

THE REGAP "FAMILY" & PARTICIPATION
Whether you have a greyhound or not, we welcome you to participate in annual fundraisers and events such as Golf to Save Greyhounds, the Summer Picnic, the Fall Walk for Life and our Dog Fashion Show, and Live Auction. For upcoming events, visit www.rescuedgreyhounds.org.

ADVOCACY: REGAP believes that public awareness is the only chance greyhounds have. We attend and rent booths at festivals, expos and stores so that the public can meet a greyhound, learn about adoption, advocacy and donate funds. We keep members involved by regular e-mail updates of greyhound-related national legislation and track occurrences. Our advocacy team is involved in letter writing campaigns designed to eradicate greyhound abuse and destruction, while continuing on the path to end dog racing atrocities and dog racing altogether.

WHERE DO DONATIONS GO? All donations help more greyhounds find homes. REGAP is responsible for all veterinary care (spay & neuter & any ailments, including broken legs) from the track to a home, at an average of \$500 a dog. But our adoption fee is only about half of that total cost to keep adoption affordable and possible. Every dollar counts toward helping save a life of a racing greyhound and ending this blood sport.



Enjoying the Annual Regap Picnic

MICHIGAN REGAP

Established in 1993, Michigan REGAP is dedicated to educating the public about the plight of the racing greyhounds, their suitability as companion animals, and finding permanent homes for those lucky enough to enter the rescue community. We openly and adamantly oppose Greyhound racing and the inherent atrocities upon which the industry is founded. We intend to dispel the myth that retired racers are mean, vicious, high-strung dogs.

PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Trained REGAP Representatives and their greyhounds are available to speak to your school or organization about the plight of the racing greyhound. Discussions include, but are not limited to, greyhound abuse, standard industry practices and how concerned individuals can help. Speaking engagements can be tailored to meet the needs of your audience. You can help make a difference. Please call for more information.

PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION:
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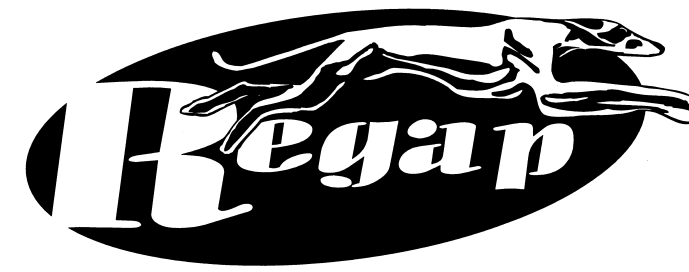


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For more information about the dog racing industry's treatment of greyhounds, abuse and killing statistics, and ways that you can make a difference, please visit: www.greyhounds.org.

Would you like to receive emails and our newsletter about greyhound rescue and related news? Contact us through www.rescuedgreyhounds.org



Retired Greyhounds as Pets

**Dedicated to Greyhound Welfare,
Rescue, Adoption and Ultimately,
to End Dog Racing**

*The Greatness of a Nation
and its moral progress
can be judged by the way
its animals are treated.
– Gandhi –*

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1-800-GO HOUND**



*Michigan Regap's First Rescues,
Alex and Gypsy*

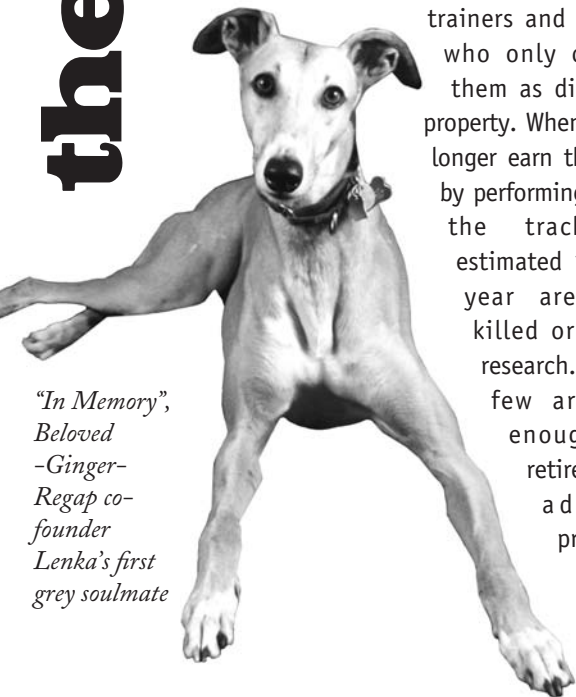
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the greyhound

Greyhounds (first recorded around 4,000 B.C.) are as ancient as the desert from which they sprung. For thousands of years they were the dogs of royalty and for people of distinction. In early Arabian culture, the birth of a Greyhound was cause for great celebrations and second only in importance to the birth of a son. They were the only dog permitted to share an Arab's tent or ride atop his camel. There were also the only dog mentioned by name in the King James version of the Bible (*Proverbs 30:29-31*). To be presented a Greyhound was considered the most prized gift one could receive. It was the Egyptians who first raced the Greyhounds for sport in open field with a wild hare as prey and with no rules to the game except speed.

Today, it is a different story. Greyhound racing has flourished in over 15 states. However, these loyal athletes are not treated as royalty by most in the industry. They are confined most of their lives to a small crate and are muzzled except while eating. These gentle creatures long for the attention and affection deprived of them by many trainers and breeders

who only consider them as disposable property. When they no longer earn their keep by performing well on the tracks, an estimated 15,000 a year are either killed or sold to research. Only a few are lucky enough to retire into an adoption program.



*"In Memory",
Beloved
-Ginger-
Regap co-
founder
Lenka's first
grey soulmate*

Greyhounds make great pets!

- They are very sensitive dogs who will give you unconditional love and learn quickly.
- They will form a strong bond with the family, becoming a "second shadow".
- They are extremely clean & genetically healthy, with life spans of 10-14 years.
- They are highly intelligent, intuitive, loyal and learn their new routines quickly.
- They are gentle and calm around most children.
- They are very social and accept other pets in the family, *including cats*.
- They do not need any more exercise than other breeds. They also make excellent walking companions and travel well in cars.
- They are "crate-trained" and therefore, in most cases, they housebreak easily. No "doggy" smell.
- Make exceptional Therapy Dogs with their friendly, patient disposition. (For info: www.tdi-dog.org)
- They are "40 mph couch-potatoes" who are most content on a soft pillow. They do not require a large yard, and shed very little.
- They are very quiet and are not watchdogs.
- "SENIOR" greyhounds over the age of 7 make wonderful pets with their calm wisdom. They remain active and spirited and often make a great second dog. They even come with an extra-special adoption package of a coat and & more!
- They are rescued from 2 to 5 years old, on average.
- Every greyhound has lived in varying degrees of neglect at the track and their treatment depends on the trainer. But every greyhound blossoms in an environment of love, patience and guidance.

Adopting a rescued greyhound

Greyhounds for adoption and their biographies can be found on www.rescuedgreyhounds.org. Please understand that the availability status of any dog can change day to day. You may apply to adopt on-line after you have read the required documents located on the same page as the application. (You can also receive an application in the mail by calling 1-800-Go-Hound). Upon receiving your application our review team will contact you by phone and discuss more detailed information about adopting.

Every rescued Greyhound lives in a foster home before being adopted. They learn what it is to be a pet since they come from such restricted track environments. REGAP believes that fostering is absolutely necessary for a smooth and safe transition into a forever-home. While in foster care, each dog is evaluated to establish what type of home would be best for him or her. Our Adoption Team will assist you in matching you with the right dog. Your entire family, including any dogs you have, meet the greyhound selected as a match to you! This process ensures a lifelong relationship between you and your Greyhound.

REGAP OFFERS ON-GOING SUPPORT to adopters with our regular REGAP event and advocacy updates, Vacation Home program and medical advice and referrals. You will always have someone available to answer your questions and provide knowledgeable support. The minimum non-refundable donation to adopt a Greyhound is \$225. This includes spay/neuter, dental, rabies, distemper, parvo, heartworm test collar, ID tag and leash and professional, post-adoption dog-behavior training class session. To ensure a proper transition from track to home life, we require all families to crate their Greyhounds during the adjustment period when left alone.

REGAP and the many greyhounds waiting for a forever-home look forward to hearing from you!



Another Regap rescued greyhound finds a forever-home. A "greyt" present!

Foster Homes

BECOME A FOSTER HOME AND A RACING GREYHOUND GETS A CHANCE AT LIFE.

Although REGAP firmly believes that adoption is not the answer to ending the atrocities associated with dog racing, we are dedicated to rescuing as many greyhounds as possible while we work to end racing. We can only do this with foster homes!

HOW YOU CAN GIVE A RESCUED GREYHOUND THEIR FIRST SOFT PILLOW!

When you bring a rescued greyhound into your home to foster them, you will be richly rewarded by knowing you have saved the life of a dog who was literally days from death. Our foster team will train and support you to help the greyhound become familiar with every day life in a home. ***You will probably be one of the first humans to treat these gentle dogs with kindness, good food, toys and a soft pillow.***

Your reward will be seeing the greyhound respond to your kindness and learn what it is to live in a home, eat good food and receive loving attention. These dogs learn quickly, give unconditional love and are can be comical as they learn. We at REGAP are always looking for people who are willing to open their homes to these wonderful dogs until they are placed with their permanent families.

If you would like more information about becoming a foster caregiver, please contact Jennifer at jen4greyrescue@yahoo.ca or call 1- 800-GO-HOUND to leave a message! As you watch your foster dog go home with his forever-parents, you know this is one of the most rewarding things you've ever done!

