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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Earlier this year, I shared with you the dramatic rescue - sponsored in part by The Ark Trust - of 42 ex-racing greyhounds from the St. Croix Greyhound Park in Wisconsin. This followed the exposure of St. Croix kennel owner Dan Shonka, a USDA-licensed animal dealer who sold over 1,000 dogs due for adoption to a laboratory where most were used in experiments, then killed.

**Today I'm writing to share encouraging news! The St. Croix Greyhound Park recently announced that it is closing for good.**

Thanks to coordinated action by many groups, and your donations to The Ark Trust, greyhound racing is a dying industry. Live greyhound racing is now confined to only 15 states. Seven states have banned live and/or simulcast racing in recent years, and revenues from dog racing are on the decline.

**But many greyhounds remain in danger, nearing the end of their racing careers - and their lives. As winter approaches, some seasonal tracks are closing, leaving many dogs "out in the cold."**

The Ark Trust is working on many fronts to expose the horrors associated with greyhound racing to the major media and the public. **But we need your membership support to spare as many greyhounds as possible from abuse and cruelty.**

This past July, The Ark Trust coordinated and sponsored the first-ever Greyhound Advocacy Conference. This historic meeting brought together seven leading greyhound protection organizations and four national humane organizations to assess the status of greyhounds used in the racing industry.

We coordinated this meeting because we felt it was time to bring together many of the dedicated people across the country who have been

working hard to protect greyhounds—so that these animals might benefit from our shared expertise and coordinated action.

As we look toward all that needs to be done in the coming new year, we urge you to rejoin The Ark Trust as a member.

When you plan your year-end charitable giving, please include The Ark Trust in your plans. Your tax-deductible gift at this time will help us "hit the ground running" in 2002 on behalf of these suffering, exploited animals.

Next year, it is possible that thousands of greyhound dogs will suffer at the hands of the multi-million dollar racing industry. Unless we continue our efforts, many of these dogs will be killed, just because they don't run fast enough.

**Your membership gift of \$25, \$50, or as much as \$100 or more, will help uncover and expose the atrocities that are hidden from the media and the public at racetracks, breeding compounds and training farms.**

With your support, we can help ensure that the cruelty associated with greyhound racing becomes a thing of the past! Please make the most generous membership gift you can. Your help will go a long way toward ending the suffering of these beautiful greyhounds!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Wyler". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Gretchen Wyler  
President

P.S. We recently learned of a "blacklist" circulated within various racing tracks suggesting that some greyhound adoption agencies be prevented from saving ex-racing dogs, simply because those groups publicly oppose greyhound racing. We must expose such plans to prevent them from becoming a reality!

P.P.S. As you conduct your year-end tax planning, please keep in mind that The Ark Trust accepts both monetary and tangible donations. Contact Leigh Videan at (818) 501-2275 for information on making your membership gift of appreciated stock, real estate, or other contribution.

*Thank you!*