



IRELAND

FOUR-LEGGED SPEEDSTERS

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ANGELA AND SOFIA, 3-YEAR-OLD TWINS, PLAY IN THEIR MOUNTAIN HOUSE ABOVE BERGAMO WITH OLIVER AND BETH, THE IRISH GREYHOUNDS ADOPTED BY THEIR GRANDMOTHER ROMANA.

AFTER THE RACES, A NEW LIFE FOR DISCARDED RACING GREYHOUNDS

THERE IS A TRADITION IN IRELAND THAT HAS BEEN ATTRACTING THE CURIOUS AND BETTORS FOR ALMOST A CENTURY: GREYHOUND RACES.

INTRODUCED AROUND 1920, THEY ARE AN EVOLUTION OF COURSING - HISTORICALLY PRACTICED BY THE NOBILITY - WHICH BECAME A WORKING CLASS SPORT IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY.

THE BETTING WORLD IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE BREEDING AND EXPORT OF GREYHOUNDS, FIELDS WHERE IRELAND IS A WORLD LEADER.

ACCORDING TO THE GRAI (GREYHOUND RESCUE ASSOCIATION IRELAND), ALMOST 18,000 GREYHOUND PUPPIES WERE BORN IN 2012 ALONE AND OVER 10,000 OF THEM DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE. WHEN THE ANIMAL - CONSIDERED AS LIVESTOCK, NOT A PET - IS NOT FIT FOR RUNNING OR IS TOO OLD, IT BECOMES A USELESS BURDEN.

TO SAVE GREYHOUNDS UNFIT FOR RACING, NUMEROUS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BORN IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

THANKS TO THE PRECIOUS SUPPORT OF SOME IRISH PEOPLE WHO PERSUADE THE OWNERS NOT TO HAVE THE DOGS KILLED (AND TO BE SENT TO RESCUE CENTERS INSTEAD), THESE ASSOCIATIONS MANAGE TO FIND THEM ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.

A WORLD, MANAGED MAINLY BY WOMEN, STRIVING TO GIVE A CHANCE TO ANIMALS THAT SPEND THEIR LIVES BETWEEN CAGES AND STADIUMS, SOMETIMES DOPED AND DRUGGED INTO GIVING THEIR BEST.

A MAN CHECKING GREYHOUND RACE RESULTS IN
SHELBOURNE PARK GREYHOUND STADIUM, DUBLIN.



Shelbourne Park Race 1

No	Place	Top Time
1	1:8	1:18.0
2		1:18.0
3		1:18.0
4		1:18.0
5		1:18.0
6		1:18.0
7		1:18.0
8		1:18.0
9		1:18.0
10		1:18.0

Total 1 0 Pool Total 0

PS-4 Gate Pool: €2000.00

Shelbourne Park Race 1

Trio Top Ten	
1	2:1
2	2:1
3	2:1
4	2:1
5	2:1
6	2:1
7	2:1
8	2:1
9	2:1
10	2:1

Pool Total 0





KATE DONOHUE, 34, THE OWNER OF IRELAND'S ONLY GROOMING SHOP SPECIALIZED IN SIGHTHOUNDS, TAKES HER DOGS FOR A WALK IN A PARK IN DUBLIN.



THE FAMILY OF MONICA AND ALESSANDRO IN THEIR HOME IN MILAN WITH ERIN AND BYRON, THE GREYHOUNDS THEY HAVE ADOPTED FROM IRELAND.



NEWBRIDGE STADIUM, ABOUT 50 KM FROM DUBLIN, JUST BEFORE A GREYHOUND RACE.



PETRA, A SWEDISH WOMAN WHO LIVES IN IRELAND, WITH TWO GREYHOUNDS SHE SAVED FROM BEING KILLED. PETRA IS ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO COLLABORATE WITH MANY ASSOCIATIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF GREYHOUNDS.

A FAMILY FOLLOWS THE GREYHOUND RACES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY. THE STADIUM MANAGERS ARE TARGETING THIS KIND OF CLIENT, TO INCREASE THEIR CUSTOMER BASE.





DOGS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED IN THE KENNELS OF ALISON AND NICK, AN IRISH COUPLE WHICH HELPS SAVING GREYHOUNDS IN COUNTY TIPPERARY.



DANIELA, 58, PAINTS IN HER STUDIO IN MILAN TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THE GREYHOUNDS SHE HAS ADOPTED.



FIONA, 58, LOADS SOME RESCUED DOGS FROM HER RESCUE CENTRE WICKLOW ANIMAL WELFARE ONTO MICHAEL'S VAN, TO BE TAKEN TO THEIR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN THE UK.

THE HOME OF PATRICIA AND JOHN, A RETIRED
IRISH COUPLE WHO DECIDED TO HELP RESCUE
GREYHOUNDS AS VOLUNTEERS IN COUNTY
TIPPERARY, SHOWS THEIR LOVE FOR DOGS.





THE START OF A GREYHOUND RACE AT SHELBOURNE PARK GREYHOUND STADIUM IN DUBLIN.

CAMILLA, 29, AND MIKAELA, 40, VOLUNTEERS FROM THE GACI (GREYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY), EXPLAIN TO CHILDREN IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEAR COMO THE SITUATION OF GREYHOUNDS IN IRELAND, AND WHAT IS BEING DONE TO SAVE THEM.



GRAYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY



TABLES OF PHONETIC SYMBOLS AND LETTERS.

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K	h	da	u	d	c	m	
Km	km	dm	m	dm	cm	mm	
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PESO							
Mg	/	kg	dag	g	dg	cg	mg
1000g 1kg							



Handwritten notes and papers on the wall.

CHANCE, A LURCHER AFFECTED BY MANGE, IN WICKLOW ANIMAL WELFARE, IRELAND. FIONA, THE RESCUE CENTRE OWNER, SAVED HIM FROM BEING KILLED. LURCHERS ARE THE OFFSPRING OF SIGHTHOUNDS MATED WITH ANOTHER BREED, AND ARE OFTEN USED FOR CLANDESTINE RACES.





CRISTIAN, 41, AND RAYNE, THE GREYHOUND HE ADOPTED FROM IRELAND IN 2016, BY A LAKE IN BRIANZA, ITALY.

AN ADOPTER REFRESHES HIS DOG WITH WATER. GREYHOUNDS
ARE USED TO THE COOL IRISH CLIMATE, AND THEY CAN
GET TIRED EASILY IN ITALIAN SUMMER WEATHER.





SARAH, 34, HOLDS A LURCHER AFFECTED BY MANGE AND FUNGAL INFECTION. THE DOG IS BEING TREATED AT PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE IRELAND, WHERE SARAH WORKS.



ELISA, 46, AND ANTONIO, 54, GACI
(GREYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY)
VOLUNTEERS CHECK THE GREYHOUNDS
WHICH ARRIVED FROM IRELAND,
BEFORE GIVING THEM UP FOR ADOPTION.

GREYHOUND ADOPTERS DINE TOGETHER IN MODENA
THE EVENING BEFORE THE XV NATIONAL GACI
(GREYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY) MEETING.





GIANCARLO, 64, A GACI (GREYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY) ADOPTER, IN HIS PERSONAL MUSEUM WHERE HE HAS COLLECTED NUMEROUS WORKS RELATED TO GREYHOUNDS IN ART AND HISTORY.



THE STATUE OF MICK THE MILLER, IN KILLEIGH, IRELAND. MICK WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST GREYHOUNDS IN HISTORY, AND WON NUMEROUS RACES BETWEEN 1928 AND 1931 IN IRELAND AND ENGLAND.

EILEEN, 48, AND ALISON, 48, WITH A
GREYHOUND SAVED FROM RACING AND AWAITING
ADOPTION AT ALISON'S FARM, COUNTY TIPPERARY.





UNOFFICIAL BOOKMAKERS COLLECTING BETS NEAR SHELBOURNE PARK GREYHOUND STADIUM (DUBLIN), BEFORE EACH RACE.

THE GACI (GREYHOUND ADOPT CENTER ITALY) ADOPTERS
CELEBRATING THEIR XV NATIONAL MEETING IN MODENA.



Shelbourne Park Race 9

Results of Race 9		Race 10	
1st	2nd	3rd	4th
3	4	2	1
Win	3	€15.00	
Place	3	€3.50	
Forecast	3-2	€1.60	
Trio	3-2-1	€225.00	

Top 10	
Rank	Time
1	00:00.00
2	00:00.00
3	00:00.00
4	00:00.00
5	00:00.00
6	00:00.00
7	00:00.00
8	00:00.00
9	00:00.00
10	00:00.00

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Welcome to
SHELBOURNE PARK
GREYHOUND STADIUM

FOAM
FIRE EXTINGUISHER



TWO GREYHOUND OWNERS CAREFULLY WASH THEIR DOGS' PAWS AFTER A RACE. IF SAND DRIES UP BETWEEN THE FINGERS AND TOES, IT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS IRRITATIONS, WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE THE ANIMALS' PERFORMANCE.



SOME GREYHOUND OWNERS TAKE THEIR DOGS FOR A WALK IN SHELBOURNE PARK GREYHOUND STADIUM, BEFORE THE RACE.



FIONA, 58, AT THE VET IN COUNTY WICKLOW WITH CHANCE, THE LURCHER SHE SAVED FROM BEING KILLED.



BRENDAN'S VAN, RETURNING FROM MODENA AFTER BRINGING THE GREYHOUNDS TO ITALY FOR ADOPTION.

DECLARED RUNNERS - WEIGHT VARIATIONS

	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5*	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8	RACE 9	RACE 10	RACE 11	RACE 12
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

Handwritten entries on the board include:

- Row 1: Res J, H
- Row 2: H
- Row 3: H
- Row 4: H
- Row 5: Res F
- Row 6: +2, +1

TOILETS

UNOFFICIAL BOOKMAKERS CHECK THE GREYHOUNDS' WEIGHT VARIATIONS BEFORE EVERY RACE, SHELBOURNE PARK GREYHOUND STADIUM.



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