

Your help is needed to exclude NGA registered dogs from the AKC Greyhound Stud Book. Please sign the enclosed petition and have others you know who admire the classic AKC Greyhound sign it as well. Then send the signed petition by May 5, 2001 to:

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Please consider that the situation has changed since the GCA decided to open the stud book to NGA dogs so many years ago. At that time very few NGA retired racing Greyhounds were placed, and there were practically no rescue groups. Now it is completely different. Recent statistics indicate that about 18,000 NGA Greyhounds are placed annually, many of which are not being neutered, and many of the adopters are developing an interest in showing these dogs. If only one percent of the 18,000 are shown, they will outnumber the classic AKC Greyhound in the show ring.

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We the undersigned petition the American Kennel Club to close the stud book of the AKC Greyhound to dogs of racing origin registered with the National Greyhound Association. The AKC Greyhounds' numbers represent less than one percent of the number of Greyhounds registered and bred for the racing industry. Racing Greyhounds differ in construction, purpose and pedigree from AKC Greyhounds. The NGA dog is not and has never been bred to comply with the official breed standard of the American Kennel Club and, consequently, should not be accepted for registration with the AKC. While the American Kennel Club allows NGA-bred Greyhounds to be registered, shown and entered at AKC events, the National Greyhound Association allows no such cross over and believes the two kinds of Greyhound are distinct and separate. Eighty years of breeding for divergent purposes has resulted in two distinct populations of Greyhounds. We ask that the American Kennel Club return to its original policy of not accepting the registrations, entries or breeding of NGA-bred Greyhounds, that it close the stud book immediately and limit the Greyhound Stud Book to dogs of AKC breeding.

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