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VIA FAX:  
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Dear Mr. Baldwin,

We, the undersigned, represent various aspects of the greyhound welfare movement on the mainland of the United States. We are writing to you with regard to the closing of the Guam Greyhound track and the dispersal of the greyhound dogs. On behalf of many of us on the mainland, we would like to express our concerns that the adoption plan implemented by track management was less successful as a life-saving measure than was intended.

Although we are thousands of miles away and a day behind your time-zone, we are completely aware of what is happening with the greyhounds on the island of Guam. The immediacy of Internet communication has kept us and tens of thousands of other greyhound advocates and adopters up-to-date on recent developments. Message boards and email inboxes have been abuzz with concerns about the Guam greyhounds. With hundreds of individual greyhound adoption organizations and hundreds of thousands of adopters here on the mainland, the outpouring of concern has been overwhelming. In recent days, alarm has escalated with the news that the track adoption process has encountered many problems. Sadly, many view the effort as having put hundreds of greyhounds at risk. We are now learning that word of this is spreading to a worldwide network of individuals and organizations that are involved in animal welfare issues.

As the owner of Guam Greyhound and the person best positioned to make a difference, we feel that you should be made aware of the extent of the concerns that are surfacing.

The immediate welfare of the greyhounds is merely one of the problems that needs to be addressed. The random breeding that will take place as a result of the release of hundreds of unaltered greyhounds into the population will have disastrous long-term consequences for all animals on Guam. These are very serious issues which we are sure you would want to address. And we, therefore, urge you to work with others who share an interest in protecting the animal population on the island.

Many excellent suggestions have been made by various interested parties on the island. In particular, Guam Animals In Need has offered their assistance with the greyhounds and Senator Guthertz has made some excellent recommendations.

We understand that many others in a position of authority will be coming forward with valuable suggestions.

Your help is particularly needed to cover the expense of spaying and neutering track greyhounds that have been or will be released to the public.

In addition to seeking your assistance in working with the local support groups, we are looking to enlist your support for the Guam greyhounds by matching a \$12,500 donation which the California-based Greyhound Protection League is offering to help the Guam greyhounds.

The \$25,000 in combined funds will be specifically designated for the cost of moving, via air-transport, as many greyhounds as possible to the mainland of the United States. The relocated dogs will be placed with responsible adoption organizations who will care for the dogs and all their needs throughout the adoption process. This relocation effort will not only be of great benefit to the individual greyhounds, but will also help to alleviate the already over-stressed stray animal population on to the island of Guam.

You will find our contact information below. We anxiously await your reply and look forward to working with you on behalf of the greyhounds.

Sincerely,

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