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My Family's Gulf Greyhound History

My family would go to watch the races at Gulf Greyhound Park a couple of times a month when my brother and I were younger. My dad owned greyhounds and some of the greyhounds raced there. I think Gulf Greyhound was the biggest building we went to except the mall. I liked to go outside in front of the Grandstand to watch the races while eating vanilla ice cream. You could see and hear the excitement the greyhounds were feeling as they walked to the starting box.

My dad's most successful greyhound was Secret Swagger. He won The Texas Fall Sprint Classic in October 2004. My dad told me he won for my birthday as I had recently turned five. He had a beautiful white and red coat. My dad said you could see how confident he was and that was why he was a great racer. Secret Swagger and the other greyhounds raced for the Liberatoro Racing kennel. They took great care of the greyhounds and gave them a lot of love.

It is nice to see the leadership from the Texas Greyhound Association and the National Greyhound Association and other groups on greyhound safety and wellness and greyhound adoptions. It is important that the greyhounds are well taken care of when they retire from racing. The commitment to the well-being of the greyhounds is the best reflection of the Texas Greyhound Association.

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