



FACT SHEET:

Arizona Senate Bill 1294, the Greyhound Protection Act

PLEASE SUPPORT SB 1294, THE GREYHOUND PROTECTION ACT

- This humane measure phases out live dog racing. It has no effect on simulcasting or any other activity at Tucson Greyhound Park.

GREYHOUND RACING IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE

- At Tucson Greyhound Park, greyhounds endure lives of terrible confinement, spending the majority of their days inside small, stacked cages.¹
- According to state records, more than 500 greyhounds were reported as injured, too sick to race, or too hurt to race in 2008. In 2007, over 400 injuries were reported. Injuries included dogs that suffered broken legs, broken backs, dislocations, amputations and paralysis.²

THIS MEASURE MAKES GOOD FISCAL SENSE FOR THE STATE

- Regulating live dog racing costs the state more than one quarter of a million dollars annually in salaries alone.³ Required personnel include kennel inspectors, veterinarians, and judges.
- Since 2005, track attendance and betting have declined by 25% and 33%, respectively.⁴
- The state receives no revenue from pari-mutuel dog racing, as a result of a longstanding "hardship tax credit" afforded to track owners.

DOG RACING GOES AGAINST THE VALUES OF ARIZONA

- Arizona remains one of last eight states with dog racing.
- Arizona is a family-friendly state and tourist destination. But the negative publicity surrounding the treatment of greyhounds, the high number of racing injuries and the use of steroids at Tucson Greyhound Park hurts this image.

¹ Arizona Dept. of Racing (ADOR) guidelines allow for cages 31" wide x 42" long x 32" high.

² The Arizona Dept. of Racing has refused to provide 2009 reports. Go to <http://www.grey2kusa.org/action/az.html> for more info about injuries.

³ Arizona Dept. of Racing Payroll Expense Reports 2008 and 2009 show \$235,327 and \$265,502 spent on salaries for live racing regulation.

⁴ ADOR Annual Report FY-2009.