



## Senate Bill 1273

### PLEASE SUPPORT TUCSON GREYHOUND PARK'S SB 1273

- This humane measure passed in the Senate 28-2 and in the House 54-5.
- The bill reduces live racing to just 100 days a year at Tucson Greyhound Park.
- It also gives Tucson Greyhound Park the ability to end live racing altogether, offering simulcast betting only.<sup>1</sup>
- It has no effect on any other activity at the dog track, nor does it impact horse racing.



### THIS MEASURE MAKES GOOD FISCAL SENSE FOR THE STATE

- From 2006-2010, on-track attendance and betting on live racing declined by 39% and 69%, respectively.<sup>2</sup>
- The state receives no revenue from pari-mutuel dog racing, as a result of a longstanding "hardship tax credit" afforded to track owners.

### 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.<sup>3</sup>
- According to state records, more than 500 greyhounds were reported as injured, too sick to race, or too hurt to race in 2008. Injuries included dogs that suffered broken legs, broken backs, dislocations, amputations and paralysis.<sup>4</sup>
- Tucson Greyhound Park has refused to comply with a local ordinance requiring better treatment of its greyhounds.<sup>5</sup>

### DOG RACING GOES AGAINST THE VALUES OF ARIZONA

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

<sup>1</sup> Simulcast revenue has nearly tripled at Apache Greyhound Park since 2005, its first full year of simulcast-only operations, while also sparing the state the costs of live racing regulation. Arizona Dept. of Racing Annual Reports FY-2005-2010.

<sup>2</sup> ADOR Annual Report FY-2010

<sup>3</sup> ADOR guidelines allow for cages 31" wide x 42" long x 32" high.

<sup>4</sup> ADOR refuses to produce additional injury reports. Go to <http://www.grey2kusa.org/action/az.html> for more information.

<sup>5</sup> The Tucson Dog Protection of 2008 made it illegal to feed racing greyhounds raw, diseased meat, prohibited the use of anabolic steroids and mandated that dogs may spend a maximum of eighteen hours a day in a cage.