



# FACT SHEET

## GREYHOUND RACING IS A DYING INDUSTRY

### OVERVIEW

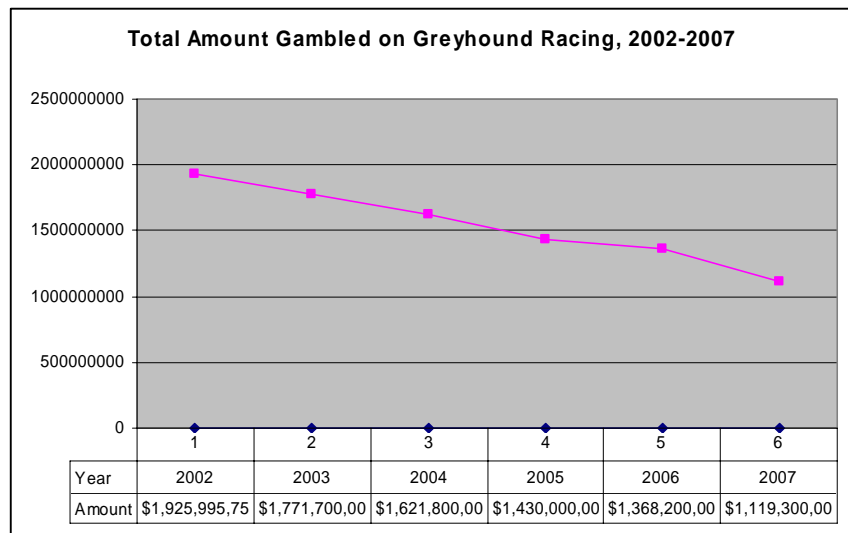
Greyhound racing is a dying industry. This decline is due to increased public awareness that dog racing is cruel and inhumane, in addition to competition from other forms of gambling.

### BETWEEN 2002 AND 2007, GAMBLING ON DOG RACING DECLINED BY 42%

Between 2002 and 2007, the total amount gambled on greyhound racing nationwide declined by 42%.<sup>i</sup> This includes gambling on both live greyhound racing and simulcast gambling, where bettors wager remotely on dog races that take place elsewhere.

At the same time that overall gambling on dog racing is declining, a trend toward simulcast gambling continues. In 2007, more than two-thirds (67%) of all wagers on dog races were made by simulcast.<sup>ii</sup>

Similarly, state tax revenue from greyhound racing continues to drop. Between 2002 and 2007, state revenue declined by more than 44%, and by the end of this period represented only \$38 million nationwide.<sup>iii</sup> This does not account for regulatory costs. When these costs are taken into consideration, it is likely that many states are losing money on commercial greyhound racing.



### ACROSS THE COUNTRY, DOG TRACKS ARE CLOSING

Since 2001, 24 racetracks have closed for live greyhound racing from the West Coast to the East, North and South. As of February 2010, there are only 24 dog tracks remaining in eight states.

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<sup>i</sup> Association of Racing Commissioners International, Statistical Summaries for 2002 and 2007.

<sup>ii</sup> Association of Racing Commissioners International, Statistical Summary for 2007.

<sup>iii</sup> *Id.*