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Fact Sheet: Question 3 and Greyhound Simulcast Wagering

- Question 3 prohibits all betting on dog races, including simulcast wagering. Specifically, it states that “no dog racing or *racing meeting where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs* shall be conducted or permitted in this commonwealth” (emphasis added).
- Simulcast wagering allows Massachusetts citizens to bet on races that take place elsewhere, via television. The races take place in other states, but the bets are placed here.
- As an olive branch to racetrack workers, Question 3 supporters agreed not to oppose a **temporary, one-time** extension of the simulcasting laws, including greyhound simulcasting. However, a **permanent** extension of greyhound simulcasting would violate Question 3.
- As a state, we should not be supporting greyhound races that take place elsewhere.
- Dog racing is cruel and inhumane. At racetracks across the country, thousands of greyhounds endure lives of confinement and many suffer serious injuries.
- Ending simulcast wagering on greyhound races would not be a hardship for local racetracks. According to data obtained from the State Racing Commission, **in 2008 horse-based simulcast wagers accounted for nearly 90% of all simulcast bets placed.**
- No jobs will be lost as a result of this clarification. There are no “dog racing simulcast workers” versus “horse racing simulcast workers.”
- Question 3 was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2008. The measure passed in nearly 290 cities and towns from one end of the state to the other.
- Therefore, no further extension of dog racing simulcast should be authorized as part of a casino bill, as a stand-alone measure, or otherwise.
- For more information, go to www.GREY2KUSA.org or call the number below.

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