



FACT SHEET

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At dog tracks nationwide, greyhounds routinely suffer serious injuries. This includes dogs that suffer broken legs, paralysis, head trauma, and death from cardiac arrest.

- In Massachusetts, nearly 900 greyhound injuries were reported between 2002 and 2009, including dogs that suffered broken bones, paralysis and cardiac arrest. Nearly 80% of reported injuries involved broken legs.ⁱ
- In New Hampshire, nearly 1,200 greyhound injuries were reported at three dog tracks between 2005 and 2008.
- At a West Virginia dog track, more than 700 greyhound injuries were reported between January 2008 and September 2009. Also, more than 1,000 dogs were prevented from racing due to illness or injury.
- At two Arizona dog tracks in 2008, more than 500 greyhounds were reported as injured, too sick, or too hurt to race.ⁱⁱ
- Similar figures were reported in 2008 at dog tracks in Texas (342)ⁱⁱⁱ, Iowa (101)^{iv}, Wisconsin (361)^v and Kansas (80)^{vi}.



Still Shot From a Video by Raynham Park, 2007

INJURY REPORTS DOCUMENT GREYHOUNDS WHO SUFFERED AND DIED

New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission Greyhound Injury Report

Track: SEABROOK Greyhound Park Date of Form: APR 22 2006

Greyhound's Registered Name: NO BSA PAPER "AMBER"

Tattoo Right: B4A Left: ZB546 Color: RED Sex: F Weight: 60

Owner: DON WRIGHT, DO. BOC 980 SORORITY IS THE BEST 0981

Trainer: SHARON KENNEY 077 Seabrook NH 03874

Kennel Operator: ADIS KAL *? 21107 Seabrook, NH 03874

Indicate where the injury took place (on the track):

Other area:

If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing, UAO FFICIAL SCENARIO

Track where injury occurred: SEABROOK Date: APR 21 2006

Distance: SCOTTS Grade: Race Post Position:

Location of injury on the Greyhound:

Specify type of injury: EX. SKULL - MASSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE

Cause of injury: RAN INTO THE RAIL - BEFORE RACE ENDED

Estimated recovery time: DECEASED

Track Veterinarian: Alex C. Zappala APR 22 2006

Witness representing NHPMC: APR 22 2006

State injury reports also document individual dogs who suffered and died at commercial racetracks. For example:

- In July of 2006, a one-year-old red fawn greyhound named RHF No Doubt died after suffering a broken neck during a race at Raynham Park.
- In April of 2006, a one-year-old red greyhound named Amber died after running into the racetrack rail, fracturing her skull, and suffering "massive brain damage" during a schooling race at Seabrook Greyhound Park.
- In July of 2009, a greyhound died at Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack after being hit by the mechanical lure.

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i Massachusetts State Racing Commission.
 ii Arizona Department of Racing.
 iii Texas Racing Commission..
 iv Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.
 v Wisconsin Division of Gaming.
 vi Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.