

GREYHOUND INJURY REPORTING FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

- Florida currently does not require that greyhound racetracks provide the public with information on dogs injured while competing.
- Most states with active dog tracks currently require this disclosure of public information, including Arizona, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Texas.
- In recent years, greyhound injury reporting laws have been approved in Massachusetts (2001) and New Hampshire (2004).

DOGS ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED AT FLORIDA RACETRACKS

- According to documents obtained from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, two dogs suffered catastrophic injuries during a three-day period in November 2008.
- On November 17, 2008 a three-year old brindle greyhound named "[Birthday Toy](#)" died after he was bumped by another dog, fell into the "live rail" and was electrocuted during a race at Sanford Orlando Kennel Club.
- On November 19, 2008 a two-year old fawn greyhound named "[Jawa Spock](#)" was euthanized after falling and breaking both of his back legs during a race at Palm Beach Kennel Club.

RECORDS FROM OTHER STATES DOCUMENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM

- In New Hampshire, nearly 1,200 greyhound injuries were reported at three dog tracks between 2005 and 2008.
- In Massachusetts, more than 800 greyhound injuries were reported at two dog tracks between 2002 and 2008.
- In Arizona, more than 300 injuries were reported at two dog tracks in 2008.
- In Texas, more than 450 injuries were reported at two dog tracks in 2008.

MOST REPORTED INJURIES ARE SERIOUS

- Most reported injuries involve broken legs.
- Other reported injuries include paralysis, head trauma and death from cardiac arrest.

IT IS LIKELY THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF GREYHOUNDS ARE INJURED EACH YEAR IN FLORIDA

- Florida dog tracks should be required to report greyhound injuries.
- Based on statistics from other states, it is likely that more than 1,000 greyhounds are injured annually at Florida racetracks.
- Greyhound breeders have opposed previous efforts to require injury reporting.