



GREYHOUNDS SUFFER SERIOUS INJURIES WHILE RACING

Greyhounds Routinely Suffer Serious Injuries While Racing



Still Shot From a Video by Raynham Park, 2007

At dog tracks nationwide, greyhounds routinely suffer serious injuries. These include 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. Nearly 80% of reported injuries involved broken legs.¹
- 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.
- Similar figures were reported in 2008 at dog tracks in Arizona (404),² Texas (342),³ Iowa (101),⁴ Wisconsin (361)⁵ and Kansas (80).⁶

Injury Reports Document Greyhounds Who Suffered and Died

State injury reports also document greyhounds who suffered and died.

- 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.

1 Massachusetts State Racing Commission.
 2 Arizona Department of Racing.
 3 Texas Racing Commission.
 4 Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.
 5 Wisconsin Division of Gaming.
 6 Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.

New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission Greyhound Injury Report

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

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

Tattoo Right: 84A Left: 28546 Color: RED Sex: F Weight: 60 lb

Owner: DON SPURRETT, PO. Box 985, SORRENTO, FL 32776-0985

Trainer: SHARON McKEE, 107 Seabrook NH 03874

Kennel Operator: ADIOS KIM #7, Rt 107 Seabrook NH 03874

Indicate where the injury took place on the track or other area:

If the injury occurred while the greyhound was racing: UNOFFICIAL SCHOOLS

Track where injury occurred: SEABROOK Date: APR 21 2006

Distance: 550 YDS Grade: Race: Post Position:

Location of injury on the Greyhound:

Specific type of injury: FX. SKULL - MASSIVE BRAIN DAMAGE

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

Estimated recovery time: DECEASED

"I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided on this form is true, correct and complete and acknowledge that knowingly making of a false statement on this form is punishable by law, including by the imposition of those penalties set forth at RSA 236:14-4, 17"

Track Veterinarian: Alan C. Zerula, APR 22 2006

Witness representing NHPMC: APR 22 2006

Injury report for Amber the greyhound

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