



FACT SHEET:

Support Iowa House File 2493

OVERVIEW

- House File 2493 will allow Iowa racetracks to end greyhound racing. Currently, Iowa racetracks are legally required to hold dog races in order to offer other forms of gambling. HF 2493 would remove this mandate.
- Under the current law Iowa racetracks are forced to subsidize greyhound races with millions in gambling profits. Since 1995, greyhound breeders have received at least \$140 million in subsidies. HF 2493, as originally drafted, will redirect these funds to the state and allow them to be used for more important programs.

GREYHOUND RACING IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE AND SHOULD END

- At Iowa dog tracks, thousands of dogs endure lives of terrible confinement.
- According to state records, more than one hundred greyhound injuries were reported at Iowa dog tracks in 2008, including dogs that suffered broken legs and other serious injuries.

ENDING GREYHOUND RACING WILL PROVIDE THE STATE WITH MILLIONS IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE

- This additional revenue could be used to support important programs, including community colleges, public education, roads, and public safety.

DOG RACING IS A MONEY LOSER FOR THE RACETRACKS

- Local racetracks are losing money on greyhound racing, and want to end live dog racing.

OUT-OF-STATE GREYHOUND BREEDERS HAVE RECEIVED MILLIONS IN SUBSIDIES

- Right now, millions of dollars in gambling profits are being used to subsidize a very small number of greyhound breeders. More than half of the subsidy dollars are being given to a small group of 20 owners and greyhound kennels.
- Since 1995, an estimated \$58 million in subsidies has been given to out-of-state greyhound owners.

GREYHOUND RACING IS A DYING INDUSTRY

- Since 1991, the amount gambled on dog racing in Iowa has declined by 94%.

GREYHOUND RACING GOES AGAINST THE VALUES OF IOWA

- Greyhound racing is now illegal in most states. Iowa prides itself on being a family friendly state, and allowing greyhound racing goes against the values of the Hawkeye State.