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Greyhound Protection Group Applauds Decision to Close Multnomah Greyhound Park

Group Says Greyhound Racing is Cruel and Inhumane

Portland, OR – GREY2K USA, the largest greyhound protection organization in the United States, today applauded a decision by Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) to close Multnomah Greyhound Park.

“This closes a sad chapter in Oregon history,” said GREY2K USA president Carey Theil. “The end of this cruel industry is a victory for everyone who cares about animals.”

According to a statement released this morning, MEC does not intend to renew its lease on the track, which expires on December 31. This decision marks the end of greyhound racing in the Pacific Northwest. Neighboring states Idaho and Washington outlawed greyhound racing in 1996. The following year, Nevada prohibited the sport.

GREY2K USA also called on the Oregon Legislature to prohibit greyhound racing in the state. “Oregon should follow the lead of Washington and Nevada and proactively outlaw greyhound racing,” said Theil.

Every year, thousands of greyhounds are killed when they are no longer profitable. While at the racetrack, greyhounds are caged for up to 22 hours each day and are often injured while racing.

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 10,000 members and constituents. For more information, contact GREY2K USA President Carey Theil at 617-666-3526.

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