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Report: Nearly 500 Greyhounds Injured at Massachusetts Racetracks

Dogs Suffer Broken Legs, Dislocations, Cardiac Arrest, Paralysis

Boston, MA – According to a report submitted this morning to state lawmakers, nearly 500 racing greyhounds have been injured while competing at Massachusetts racetracks over the past three years.

The document, released by the greyhound protection organization GREY2K USA, is a compilation of injury records maintained by the Massachusetts State Racing Commission. This is the first public release of this information since the passage of a 2001 state law requiring that area dog tracks report on greyhound injuries.

“This is the first time lawmakers will know what is happening to racing greyhounds in Massachusetts,” said GREY2K USA vice president Christine Dorchak. “It is our hope that this new information will cause them to rethink a cruel industry and support a phase out of dog racing.”

According to state records, 481 greyhounds were injured between 2002 and 2004. Reported injuries included broken legs, fractures, dislocations, cardiac arrest, spontaneous seizures, sudden collapse before or after racing, spinal cord paralysis, severed tails, bleeding toes, lacerated eyes, a puncture wound and a broken neck. A total of 28 greyhounds died or were reported euthanized.

“Racetrack owners claim this is a safe sport, but the catastrophic injuries described by track vets refute that claim,” said Dorchak. “When voters learn the truth about this cruel industry, they will outlaw dog racing.”

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 15,000 supporters in all fifty states. For more information, contact GREY2K USA vice president Christine Dorchak at 617-666-3526.

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