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Proposed “Dog Protection Act” to Phase Out Commercial Dog Racing

Over 700 Dogs Injured In New Hampshire Over the Past Two Years

Concord, NH – Animal welfare advocates today urged lawmakers to pass the Dog Protection Act, a proposed law that will phase out commercial dog racing by 2009.

“Dogs play an important role in our lives, and deserve to be protected from individuals and industries that would do them harm,” said former Nashua State Representative Paul LaFlamme. “Thousands of dogs live lives of nearly endless confinement at commercial racetracks in our state, kept in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around for long hours each day.”

Photos taken by the New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission in 2006 offer a rare public glimpse into the lives of dogs at commercial racetracks in the state. These photos can be viewed online at www.voteforthedogs.org.

Also, according to state records more than 700 dogs have been injured at New Hampshire dog tracks over the past two years, including dogs that suffered broken bones, torn muscles and paralysis. A 65-page report documenting these injuries is being sent to all lawmakers.

The Dog Protection Act has bipartisan support, and has already attracted nearly two-dozen endorsements from lawmakers, non-profit organizations, community leaders, and local shelters. Endorsers include the New Hampshire Humane Society, the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire SPCA, the Humane Society of Greater Nashua, the National Greyhound Adoption Program, the Humane Society of the United States, and the National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion.

GREY2K USA is a national, non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 20,000 supporters in all fifty states. For more information, contact Paul LaFlamme at 603-661-1070.

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