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Subject: RE: Greyhound Weigh-Ins

Daniel J. Reinertson, CPM

Thank you for informing me of your concerns regarding the current flea problem and the measures to correct that problem here at Tucson Greyhound Park. As you know the Department of Racing personnel have worked diligently to inform track management and trainers that there is an ectoparasite problem requiring immediate attention. The track management and trainers have made significant effort to correct the escalating problem including addition premise treatments and providing kennel persons with products to help control the problems. The veterinarians have continued to inform responsible parties that the efforts are falling short and that the problem continues to worsen. We had given track personnel the opportunity to correct the problem and needed to escalate the efforts. Tucson Greyhound Park Management with my encouragement and support has directed their staff veterinarians to inspect ALL greyhounds before entering the paddock area screening for fleas and ticks. A similar program has worked here in the past and should work again. The inspections stumbled the first day of inspection with the animals receiving a minimal inspection. The third day (today) had a new weigh in time resulting in the track veterinarian missing the initial animals for weigh in resulting in a partial inspection. The second day of inspection was more ideal in that all animals were inspected and only a few greyhounds were scratched by their trainers when the trainers were not able to adequately remove the ectoparasites. After a discussion with Track Management assurances were made that the screening protocols will be followed. With persistent effort and consistent application by track management/veterinarians and appropriate enforcement of regulations by Department of Racing Officials I believe this program will result in reducing and eventually eliminating the flea problem. Our continued joint efforts here at Tucson Greyhound Park confirms my belief that all Department of Racing officials have the welfare of the racing Greyhounds utmost in our thoughts while continuing to support and enforce the rules and regulations governing Racing in our state.

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Dr. Carlton,

The system of checking the greyhounds before they enter the Paddock is not going to work if one day they walk through at will and the next day they are examined and are sent back or scratched.

On Monday, October 3rd I arrived at Tucson Greyhound Park (4:45 p.m.) and there was no vet

in the Paddock, No Racing Personnel in the Racing Office and no Track Steward and the greyhounds were walking through the Paddock at will with no checks at all..

This can not happen or the flea issue will not be corrected and also not consistent monitoring of the problem that we have in the compound at Tucson Greyhound Park. The inconsistent monitoring can not continue if we are to get a handle the flea problem and is not fair to scratch greyhounds one day and not the next.

Thanks,  
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