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1 **4:34** Commr. Goree: Michael, did you have anything you wanted to add or are  
2 we good?

3 **4:37** Michael Racy: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I think we're  
4 good. I can give you a very quick update now if you'd like on dog adoption, completely at  
5 your discretion, if you'd like that.

6 **4:46** Commr. Goree: Uh, let's go ahead and get that now, so ....

7 **4:47** Michael Racy: Get that out of the way. Very good. We've been  
8 progressing very, very well. The track has entered into agreements with all the kennel  
9 operators. They've made supplemental payments to them to just help the kennel  
10 operators out. There's ... the second half of that supplemental payment gets made after  
11 all of the dogs are adopted. The kennels have been working and doing a great job of  
12 working with different adoption agencies. The facility is already down to under 300 dogs,  
13 probably around 270, 280 dogs. There are plans in place for the relocation of all of those  
14 dogs and significant transports starting on the Sunday after the last Saturday day that  
15 we're requesting today. We expect ... it's looking like all the animals will be placed either  
16 in adoption agencies or other racing facilities within five days of the end of live racing, so  
17 there will be no need for long-term housing of animals. We've had pledges of food and  
18 supply from NGA and from Arizona Humane as necessary. I've worked with Arizona  
19 Humane. They are also offering free spay and neuter services to any Arizona adoption  
20 agencies that are receiving dogs out of this, **(6:09)** and then **GREY2K and the track owners**  
21 **have created a fund that's going to go to those adoption agencies to defray transport**  
22 **costs and other costs. We get weekly reports from all the kennels on the number of dogs,**  
23 **the disposition reports, and I'm very pleased to say that so far this process is going more**  
24 **smoothly and more rapidly than, candidly, I would have expected. I'm very pleased with**  
25 **the process. A lot of people are contributing.**

26 **6:39** Commr. Heiple: You mentioned you're down to 270 to 300 dogs. How many  
27 did you start with?

28 **6:44** Michael Racy: At the beginning of the year there were about 440. That  
29 had dropped to just over 400 sort of when it became pretty clear that the law was going  
30 to pass, and during that period 120 dogs have already been relocated. So, I'm really  
31 impressed and now the kennels, the track are managing the process very carefully to  
32 make sure that we can do full races up through that last day. And, again, that really helps  
33 out the employees and the kennels, so we're really focusing on trying to manage that as  
34 well as the relocation of all the animals. I'd just really like to thank the Division, Mr.  
35 Stiles, Mr. Casillas, everyone that's been working with us on this process because it really  
36 has been a lot of ... a lot of folks. **7:34**