

## Greyhound Injury Reporting

- Florida is one of only two states, along with Alabama, that do not report greyhound injuries to the public.
- In the states where injury reporting laws have been approved, the number of greyhounds euthanized has significantly declined. For example, in Massachusetts the number of dogs euthanized declined by 43% in the first year after passage of an injury reporting bill. By the sixth year, the number of greyhounds euthanized had dropped by 88%.
- Greyhound injury reporting will have no fiscal impact. It is simple and easy to implement.



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### Greyhound Injury Reporting Saves Lives

#### Number of Greyhounds Euthanized in Massachusetts



**November 17, 2001**  
Greyhound injury reporting requirement passed into law



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Source: Massachusetts State Racing Commission, 1998 - 2010.

- Some injury data has been made public through state investigations, and these records suggest a serious problem. For example, 28 greyhounds suffered "substantial" injuries and ten greyhounds were euthanized at Ebro Greyhound Park in a six-week period in 2011.
- Injury reporting is supported by humane groups across the state, including the Florida Association of Animal Welfare Organizations, Florida Animal Control Association, SPCA Tampa Bay, Humane Society Naples, Jacksonville Humane Society, Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County, Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control, First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Alaqua Animal Refuge, Cat Depot, Greyhound Adoptions of Florida and Greyhound Rescue & Adoptions of Tampa Bay.
- This law will increase transparency. It will dispel false information about the greyhound racing industry and allow the public to have accurate information about dog racing.