

**From:** [Soring, Keith \[IRGC\]](#)  
**To:** [Ohorilko, Brian \[IRGC\]](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona  
**Date:** Monday, December 29, 2014 9:24:22 AM

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**From:** GreyVets@yahoogroups.com [mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com] **On Behalf Of** barkervet tds.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 03, 2010 11:47 AM  
**To:** GreyVets@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** Re: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

I would keep at them and demand another meeting. There is just no excuse for this.

Jenifer

On Wed, Nov 3, 2010 at 10:48 AM, Soring, Keith [IRGC] <[keith.soring@iowa.gov](mailto:keith.soring@iowa.gov)> wrote:

Chip - we had an initial meeting involving the IGA on this issue and I can't say they have exactly taken the ball and ran with it. To get Bluffs management and the IGA in the same room together at this point is nearly impossible and all parties (the track, Iowa State, IGA, Heartland Rescue) need someone to move this forward. What's sad is that we continue to euthanize dogs at the trainer's request for non-life threatening injuries while running for \$10 million plus purse supplements from the casino industry. Our initial meeting was well over a year ago with Iowa State, IGA, Heartland rescue and Harrah's representatives. No one has reached out for a follow up meeting to this point. VERY disappointing.

Keith

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**From:** [GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com) [mailto:[GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)] **On Behalf Of** CHIP WILKINSON  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 02, 2010 10:33 AM  
**To:** [GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)  
**Subject:** RE: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

Keith,

Would the IGA help with transport to the vet school?

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-----Original Message-----  
From: "Soring, Keith [IRGC]"  
Sent: Nov 2, 2010 9:14 AM  
To: "[GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)"

Subject: RE: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

Thanks Chip! That's about what I figured would be a good amount – I was hoping the track would match the owners at either \$1/start or even .50 cents. Our rescue group is close to Iowa State so they would work with their rehab dept. to do some rehab and could take them in for cast/bandage changes etc. with minimal inconvenience. One problem is our track at Council Bluffs is about 2 hours from ISU so we need to set up a system of transport...but once they get there they are very close to the main adoption group here in Iowa. Keep us posted! Keith

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**From:** [GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com) [mailto:[GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)] **On Behalf Of** CHIP WILKINSON

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 02, 2010 9:02 AM

**To:** [GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)

**Subject:** Re: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

Keith,

Here in Texas we are trying to get a similar program off the ground. Texas A&M will do the surgeries and the goal is no euthanasias. My recommendation was to put \$1.00 per start into the fund, which the Development Department at their Vet school will oversee. This will raise about \$32,000.00 per year and will only affect the point value minimally. The tracks are also going to donate some money as well. Doing the donations this way has both management and dogmen participating in caring for their athletes. Also using the Development fund allows for the public to also give tax deductible donations and gives the cause great credibility. Let me know if I can answer any questions.

Chip Wilkinson

State Vet Gulf Greyhound Park

-----Original Message-----

From: "Soring, Keith [IRGC]"

Sent: Nov 1, 2010 2:28 PM

To: "[GreyVets@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GreyVets@yahoogroups.com)"

Subject: [GreyVets] FW: Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

A lofty goal – been working on something similar here in Iowa but haven't had anyone step up to the plate as of yet for funding. Iowa State University will treat and repair fractured hocks on average of about \$2500. The below message was sent to some of the greyhound people, my vets, stewards and track management here in Iowa.

Let us know how this program is received – thanks!

Keith

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**From:** Soring, Keith [IRGC]

**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 2:25 PM

**Subject:** Southland, Wheeling, Daytona

From the Oct/Nov Greyhound Review:

"Life-threatening injuries are relatively rare in our game, but when they occur, every track should have a specific plan on how to deal with them. Starting Jan. 1, 2011, Delaware North Cos. Tracks will have a new policy with respect to such injuries. Ultimately, the company's goal is "to reduce the mortality rate at each greyhound track and to help insure that greyhounds at our facilities are given the utmost care when injured." Here's the policy: "When an injury occurs during racing, the track veterinarian evaluates the greyhound. The veterinarian makes a recommend (sic) on the course of care based on the welfare of the greyhound. This recommendation is independent of track management and the kennel/greyhound owner. The track vet will not euthanize a greyhound for a race related injury if the track veterinarian determines the greyhound is comfortable and has a good prognosis for recovery...Each greyhound track accepts the responsibility to reimburse Greyhound Pets of America or any track sponsored adoption group for the treatment of a life threatening race related injury if the kennel/greyhound owner relinquishes all rights and responsibilities to the greyhound."

I would hope that our previous meeting about setting up a program for treating injured greyhounds at ISU regains some traction once the purses and racing dates have been set for 2011 and beyond.

Please let me know what I can do to facilitate further advancement of a similar goal we can undertake here in Iowa.

Dr. Keith Soring  
Director of Racing  
IRGC

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