

From: [Soring, Keith \[IRGC\]](#)
To: [Ohorilko, Brian \[IRGC\]](#)
Subject: FW: Emailing Greyhound euthanasia
Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 10:12:24 AM
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Dubuque only euthanized 1 greyhound the entire season and that was for a non-racing illness. All dogs with injuries are treated and those requiring surgery are sent to Chicago and the rescue group in Illinois pays for the surgery. Bluffs is still euthanizing non-life threatening injuries unfortunately.

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From: Soring, Keith [IRGC]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 11:56 AM
To: Marianne M Kirkendall
Cc: Jerry Schrader
Subject: FW: Emailing

The Iowa Greyhound Association asked me to ask Dr. Barker at Dairyland how many fractures she has put down in the last several years... her answer is below.
Just fyi - I hope to work towards finding you both more resources like she has set up and the IGA has agreed to help fund equipment needs (like digital xray) or anything else you may need.
There remains a question as to why Dubuque has a funded adoption kennel on site and Bluffs does not.

Thank you both for your continuing dedication. We'll discuss this issue more going forward. Please keep this email confidential for now!

Keith

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

From: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA [<mailto:jenifer.barker@wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:11 PM
To: Soring, Keith [IRGC]
Subject: RE: Emailing

Hi Keith.

The answer to your question is "Zero".

I'm not certain that I understand your last statement. Are they saying that they can not repair some of the fractures? Every fracture that I have sent out even open radius/ulna and open tibia fractures have been repaired successfully.(obviously w/ open fractures the track vet must meticulously flush the bones under short term anesthesia(I have the perfect cocktail-no intubation necessary) prior to bandage and referral).

I have found many non savvy greyhound vets(even university surgeons)are afraid of some of our fractures. Once you have an outside vet on board that will work w/ your track vets it is clear sailing.

I don't have an x-ray machine at the track. Every decision I make is on palpation alone. You definitely can tell which require surgery and which do not after you have seen a few.

I've pasted a few before and after surgeries for you. Dr Turner is a board certified surgeon/ Dr Buchanan is a regular vet that likes to do ortho surgeries(he charges only \$800 for any greyhound fracture surgery for adoption groups). I can honestly say that the success rate is almost 100%. I always tell these vets that if they can't fix it just amputate; greyhounds do great on 3 legs(that has yet to happen in the last 13 yrs).

Jenifer

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

From: Soring, Keith [IRGC] [<mailto:Keith.Soring@iowa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:57 PM

To: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA

Subject: RE: Emailing

Thanks - my meeting with the IGA and their attorneys went ok but not great. They are willing to provide our state vets each with a digital xray machine so accurate diagnosis may be made before any consideration of euthanasia. That is a big step in the right direction.

Off the top of your head - how many dogs have you put down in the past year or two for fractures in general and also hock specific?

All my sources still tell me that most (if not all) of hock fractures can be saved and that a good quality of life can be obtained with surgery and/or splinting of these fractures. That is from literature, testimony of small animal vets, veterinary school faculty and Sharon Palm...of course I realize the odd case and dog that have enough complications to warrant humane euthanasia.

The owner and trainer at the meeting said that "greyhounds are different" so that my sources at the vet school must not have worked on many greyhounds - some of their injuries just can't be repaired".

Of course what do I know -

Thanks for your help as always!
Keith

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

From: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA [<mailto:jenifer.barker@wisconsin.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 5:53 PM

To: Soring, Keith [IRGC]

Subject: RE: Emailing

Yes, we do have an SOP for our Veterinarians. I can't seem to find it anywhere but I will look around. I know that ours needs updating.

Attached is a copy of our summarized year/monthly track injury data. We changed our reporting 3 years ago to separate minor injuries to appease Dairyland but our monthly log/letter goes into more detail. Our injury logs include those injuries that are reported by trainers(not noticed post race by the state vet) as well.

The reports are easier for you to read if you print them out.

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

From: Soring, Keith [IRGC] [<mailto:Keith.Soring@iowa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 1:07 PM
To: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA
Subject: RE: Emailing: www.greythealth.com

Thanks - you don't have to separate out hock fractures if it is easy just to send all fractures. Also - do you have an SOP manual for greyhound regulatory veterinarians? Can you share it with me if you do and if not would you like to collaborate on one with Marianne and myself? We are working on one for the vet techs as well.

Thanks for the links, I will email Dr. Couto and also send to Marianne.

From: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA [jenifer.barker@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:39 PM
To: Soring, Keith [IRGC]
Subject: RE: Emailing: www.greythealth.com

Yes, Suzanne has some great info on that web site. She is on our greyhound adoption vet greytalk group. Here is OSU/Dr Couto's site. His info is the best! All evidence based medicine.
<http://www.vet.ohio-state.edu/GHWP.htm>

If you email Dr Couto you can get in the group couto.1@osu.edu

I'll email you on Weds with our fx hock numbers.

From: Soring, Keith [IRGC] [Keith.Soring@iowa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 1:53 PM
To: Barker, Jenifer V - DOA
Subject: Emailing: www.greythealth.com

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Hi - is any of this useful information? Are you familiar with this veterinarian? Think she worked Arizona track...

She concurs that hock fractures especially are not justified for euthanasia. I had a fill in small animal vet work Dubuque Saturday and he put a dog down for compound fracture(s) of the metacarpus -

I think each track should have to provide a digital x-ray so appropriate diagnosis be made before electing any euthanasia involving fractured limbs. We do this at the horse track - if there is a question we just radiograph and then make the decision. But the practicing vets all have digital and are there during the races (yes, even at night)!

Also - could you tell me how many fractures you had last year at Dairyland? I may need that number when talking about comparing our tracks with yours - I could be contended that you put down many less dogs because your track is safer (which I doubt)...

Thanks!
Keith

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