

Fact Sheet: Greyhound Injury Reporting

- Greyhound injuries are currently being reported to the public in most states with active dog tracks, including Iowa, West Virginia, Texas and Arkansas.
- This law will save greyhound lives. In the states where greyhound 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 lawmakers passed an injury reporting bill. By the sixth year, the number of greyhounds euthanized had declined by 88%.
- Greyhound injury reporting has had absolutely no fiscal impact in the states where it has been approved, and will have no fiscal impact in Florida.



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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

before

after



The **number of greyhounds euthanized** in Massachusetts **declined significantly** after the state **passed an injury reporting law**. In the first year alone, greyhound deaths declined by 43%. By the sixth year, the number of **greyhounds euthanized had declined by 88%**.

Source: Massachusetts State Racing Commission, 1998 - 2010.

- Some greyhound injury data has been made public through state investigations, and these records suggest a serious problem. For example, twenty-eight greyhounds suffered “substantial” injuries and ten greyhounds were euthanized at Ebro Greyhound Park in the six-week period between May 21, 2011 and July 5, 2011.
- This law is simple and easy to implement. Greyhound injury reports would be completed by trainers and provided on site to state regulators. The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering would have no requirement to analyze or compile these records in any way.
- 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 in the state.