



## GREYHOUND RACING IS A DYING INDUSTRY

### Across the country, dog tracks are closing

Since GREY2K USA began its national campaign in 2001, thirty dog tracks have closed or ceased live racing operations. Currently, there are only 19 dog tracks remaining in six states. Read more on our [state-by-state information page](#).

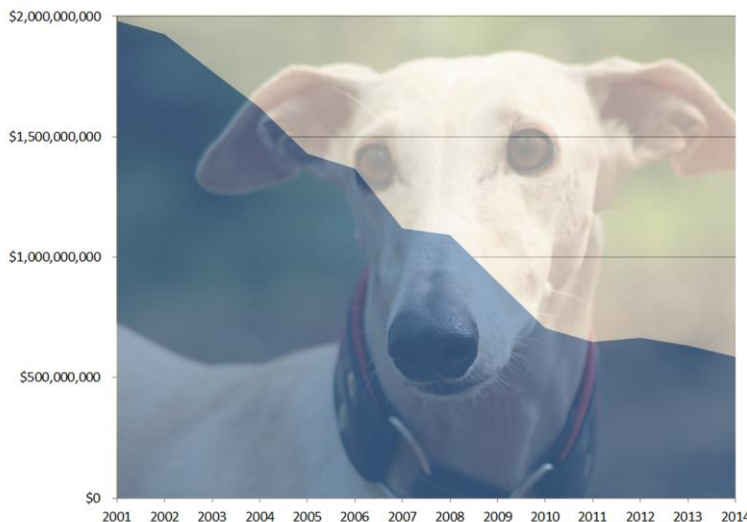
Greyhound racing is a dying industry. This decline is due to increased public awareness that dog racing is cruel and inhumane, in addition to competition from other forms of gambling.



*Raynham Park closed in 2010 after Massachusetts voters outlawed dog racing.*

### Gambling on dog racing continues to decline

#### Total Amount Gambled on Greyhound Racing, 2001-2014



Between 2001 and 2014, the total amount gambled on greyhound racing nationwide declined by 70%.<sup>1</sup> This includes gambling on live dog racing and simulcast gambling, where bettors wager remotely on races that take place elsewhere.

At the same time that overall gambling on dog racing is declining, a trend toward simulcast gambling continues. In 2014, three-quarters (75%) of all wagers on dog races were made by simulcast or advance-deposit wagering.<sup>2</sup>

Similarly, state tax revenue from greyhound racing continues to drop. Between 2001 and 2014, state dog race revenue declined by more than 82%, and by the end of this period

represented only \$13 million nationwide.<sup>3</sup> This does not account for regulatory costs. When these costs are taken into consideration, it is likely that states are losing money on greyhound racing.

1 Association of Racing Commissioners International, *Pari-Mutuel Racing 2014: A Statistical Summary* (Lexington, KY: Association of Racing Commissioners International, 2016).

2 *Ibid.*

3 *Ibid.*

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