



Greyhounds First Coalition

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State of Arizona
Honorable Andy Biggs, President of the Senate
Honorable David M. Gowan, Speaker of the House
All Members

As the largest non-profit greyhound protection organizations in the United States, we strongly support HB 2127, a bill to end live dog racing in Arizona. We are now joined together as the Greyhounds First Coalition and look forward to helping find homes for any and all greyhounds released from Tucson Greyhound Park upon passage of this humane legislation.

Currently, more than 400 greyhounds race in South Tucson, which hosts the last remaining dog track in Arizona. Some have argued that these dogs will be killed should racing end, but nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, thirty-nine legislatures have already declared dog racing illegal and states like Connecticut, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin all shuttered their live racing operations years ago. Most recently, Texas ran its last greyhound race in December 2015. Many of us were among the scores of adoption groups that quickly mobilized and found good homes for the greyhounds when racing ended in these states. We now stand ready to do the same in Arizona. We are also happy to provide food and any other support that is needed to transition the greyhounds into their Forever Homes.

We look forward to the challenges and rewards ahead. Please feel free to contact Christine Dorchak of the GREY2K USA Education Fund at 781-488-3526 with any questions you may have.

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