



GREY2K USA

VIA FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

May 18, 2011

Rolando Pablos, Chair
Texas Racing Commission
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Dear Chair Pablos,

Please consider this a formal request to reopen the case file related to Commission Ruling GULF962, and take further disciplinary action against greyhound trainer Craig Alan Edwards.

According to the Ruling cited above, on February 14, 2011 a greyhound named **Crispins Place** suffered a “serious injury to his hock” during an unofficial morning workout at Gulf Greyhound Park. Further, this Ruling indicates that despite the serious nature of the injury Edwards “failed to seek medical treatment for the greyhound until 2/16/11 thus subjecting the greyhound to unnecessary suffering.” As a result of this “inhumane treatment” of **Crispins Place**, Edwards was fined \$500.

Although we are grateful that Edwards was fined for this act of negligence, the penalty is clearly insufficient. We are deeply troubled by the fact that Edwards was not suspended for even a single day for the “inhumane treatment” that caused a greyhound in his control to be subjected to “unnecessary suffering.” By issuing such a light sanction in this case, the Commission is sending the message that it does not take the humane treatment of greyhounds seriously.

Please rectify this oversight by re-examining Commission Ruling GULF962. We are optimistic that if this particular incident receives another look, a more appropriate sanction will follow.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If I can be of further assistance, contact me directly at 617-666-3526.

Sincerely,

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