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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

November 7, 2013

Mr. Chuck Trout, Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
Mark Fenner, General Counsel
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711-2080

Dear Executive Director Trout,

I am requesting an immediate investigation into the condition of the track at Gulf Greyhound Park of La Marque. In an internet discussion that began last night, a greyhound breeder and owner named Wally Wasik told other industry supporters about a dog that was recently injured at the Texas track:

"I had another pup break down again at Gulf. The track conditions are terrible there."

Wasik also stated that there is widespread concern among greyhound kennels about Gulf's racing surface:

"The Kennels are complaining about the racing surface. Talked to the racing Secretary, who is no smarter than a light bulb, said they are working on the problem. But they are not doing anything to fix the problem. That is common knowledge."

An hour later, a well-known racing greyhound owner named Laird Morgan echoed Wasik's concerns. Morgan also added that the track is refusing to work with the Texas Greyhound Association to find solutions:

"Everything I heard points to the need to take the surface down to the drainage/irrigation level and have a capable contractor build it back up. Doubt they will suspend racing for the time and money required. The most disappointing element is the unwillingness of GGP management to work with the TGA on a solution."

Wasik then responded by expressing his overall frustration with the track:

"If they CANNOT SECURE a safe racing Surface for the Greyhounds, THEY NEED TO SHUT DOWN."

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This last comment elicited empathy from a greyhound kennel owner and trainer named Malcom McAllister, who wrote in part:

"Wally, my heart goes out to you ... until they have a person in charge that is 'concerned' then it will stay the same."

Wasik then wrote:

"Maybe it's time Racing and Anti-Racing come together to get rid of a track that will not take the SAFETY of greyhounds seriously."

I am attaching "screen shots" of this discussion found online today at <http://americangreyhounds.com>. Based on information obtained, the identities of the posters are as follows:

defconred10- Wally Wasik, NGA member, breeder/owner
bigslow- Laird Morgan, NGA and TGA member
tigerboy2012- Malcolm McAllister, kennel owner/trainer

I ask you to send investigators to examine the track and speak to kennel operators at the facility immediately. Something must be done to protect the greyhounds, and your immediate action is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. A. Dorchak". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Christine A. Dorchak, Esq.

Author Topic: **Gulf Greyhound Park** (Read 240 times)

 **defconred10**

Paid Member
Stakes Racer



Posts: 929



 **Gulf Greyhound Park**
« on: November 06, 2013, 05:11:43 PM »

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Thank God they have a great vet and medical equipment on the premises to handle injuries. I had another pup break down again at Gulf.

The track conditions are terrible there. The Kennels are complaining about the racing surface. Talked to the racing Secretary, who is no smarter than a light bulb, said they are working on the problem. But they are not doing anything to fix the problem. That is common knowledge.

Stating this Now. "I live in the Houston area and am A greyhound owner and WILL NOT SEND ANOTHER DOG TO THAT TRACK."

Wally

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bigslow

Paid Member
Stakes Racer



Posts: 942



 **Re: Gulf Greyhound Park**
« Reply #1 on: November 06, 2013, 06:17:46 PM »

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The kennels not leaving GGP can continue to complain. Everything I heard points to the need to take the surface down to the drainage/irrigation level and have a capable contractor build it back. Doubt they will suspend racing for the time and money required. The most disappointing element is the unwillingness of GGP management to work with the TGA on a solution.

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 **Re: Gulf Greyhound Park**

« **Reply #2 on:** November 06, 2013, 06:21:22 PM »

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If they CANNOT SECURE a safe racing Surface for the Greyhounds, THEY NEED TO SHUT DOWN.
Wally

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TigerBoy2012

Paid Member
Stakes Racer



Posts: 565



 **Re: Gulf Greyhound Park**

« **Reply #3 on:** November 06, 2013, 08:12:33 PM »

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Wally,,, my heart goes out to you, and the greyhounds that 'have' to race there,, I have raced there as a kennel owner, have had first hand run-ins with racing officials over the track surface,,, and in my experience, it all came down to 'man hours' and 'who' was in charge of the track maintenance,,

Believe me, I did my share of 'bitching' about injury's,, until they have a person in charge that is "concerned" then it will stay the same,, the general manager of Gulf has a SON 'Bart' and is, or up until now, is where the problem lays, he is in charge..... No kennel can voice their opinion to a racing secretary that = Quote= hates all dog people,, that's what he informed my wife when she took off a dog that had won, but had came off on 3 legs, and was needing a rest.... she in turn voiced her opinion about 'him' and the track surface... Nothing has changed it seems....

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 **defconred10**

Paid Member
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Posts: 929



 **Re: Gulf Greyhound Park**

« **Reply #4 on:** November 06, 2013, 08:33:57 PM »

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Maybe its time Racing and Anti-Racing come together to get rid of a track that will not take the SAFETY of the greyhounds seriously.
wally

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