

GREYHOUND RACING IS A BAD BET FOR WEST VIRGINIA

DOG RACING SHOULD NOT BE SUBSIDIZED

- Greyhound breeders and owners receive more than \$20 million in annual subsidies.
- These funds could instead be for important state programs, including education and law enforcement.
- The vast majority of these subsidy dollars go to out-of-state greyhound breeders.

GREYHOUND RACING IS A DYING INDUSTRY

- Greyhound racing is illegal in forty states and non-existent in all but six.
- Between 2001 and 2015 the amount gambled on live greyhound racing in West Virginia declined by 72%.

GREYHOUNDS ENDURE LIVES OF CONFINEMENT

- Thousands of greyhounds endure lives of confinement at West Virginia racetracks.
- According to state regulations, dog track cages measure at least 44 inches deep, 32 inches wide, and 34 inches high and large greyhounds cannot stand fully erect in these cages.
- The state has no rules governing the number of daily turn-outs at dog track kennels.



Inside of a greyhound kennel at Wheeling Island Racetrack. Photograph from the Greyhound Relocation & Adoption Canada Forum, 2013.

GREYHOUNDS SUFFER SERIOUS INJURIES

- Between January 2008 and March 2018, 8,159 greyhound injuries were reported at West Virginia tracks.
- More than 1,600 of the injuries were career-ending.
- A total of 398 greyhound injuries resulted in death or euthanasia.
- The most commonly reported injury was a broken leg.
- Other reported injuries include lacerations, other broken bones, and sprains.

GREYHOUND RACING IS CRUEL AND GOES AGAINST MAINSTREAM VALUES



- Numerous cases of greyhound abuse and neglect have been documented in West Virginia.
- Since 2008, the West Virginia Racing Commission has issued at least 813 disciplinary rulings against greyhound licensees.
- Documented violations include greyhound drug positives, human drug positives, and altercations between licensees.
- Greyhounds in West Virginia are fed a diet based on diseased "4-D" meat to reduce costs.
- Greyhound racing is now illegal in the majority of states. West Virginia has become a leader on humane issues, and ending greyhound racing supports this trend.

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