

To: Chairman Bud Estes
Vice Chair Robert Olson
Members, Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee

Re: SB 427: Oppose Greyhound Racing in Kansas

Date: April 3, 2018

Did you know that according to state records one greyhound dies every 3 days on Florida dog tracks? Kansas Racing will not be any kinder.

Greyhound racing in Kansas is a “dead” proposition for one simple reason: Kansans don’t want it. As one greyhound rescue organization founder explained, the abuses have been so well-documented that the public now finds the industry of greyhound racing not just unsavory, but most believe it should be outlawed on the grounds of animal cruelty. For the sake of thousands of Kansas residents who don’t want greyhound racing and the thousands of dogs that will suffer, please vote against SB 427.

As you consider this bill, please consider the following:

In the last six months of operation at The Woodlands, 80 dogs were injured. The majority of injuries were broken legs, but there were also sprains, torn muscles and a spinal injury. Nineteen dogs were euthanized or *died while racing*.

Quoting from a former Kansas trainer and kennel owner, “Over 15 years I probably killed 1,500 dogs. I usually shot them in the head, it’s cheaper.”

Sincerely,

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