

To: Chairman Barker and Members of House Federal and State Affairs Committee
From: Terry Humphrey, Lobbyist, for Humane Society of the United States and Stray Dog Policy
Re: Opposition to HB 2199
Date: February 18, 2021

My name is Terry Humphrey, the lobbyist for the Humane Society of the United States and Stray Dog Policy. I am here today asking you to amend HB 2199 on behalf of a coalition of 39 animal welfare organizations across Kansas listed below.

These organizations do not oppose sports wagering legislation **unless** it permits wagering on greyhound races. As written, HB 2199 incentivizes the return of greyhound racing in two ways.

First, HB 2199 permits racetrack gaming facilities to offer sports wagering. According to the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act, they must run live greyhound races in order to open their doors to offer sports wagering. For this reason, the bill should be amended to exclude racetrack gaming facility managers from offering sports wagering in New Section 1(b)(2) and removing all references to racetrack gaming facility managers in the bill.

Our second issue with the bill is the definition of a "sporting event." HB 2199 only excludes sports betting on greyhound racing that *occurs in Kansas and is regulated by the Kansas Parimutuel Racing Act*. This bill should be amended to prohibit betting on greyhound races **everywhere**.

To ensure that there is no sports wagering on greyhound races anywhere, we ask that you adopt the following amendment in Section 20:

(oo)(2) The term "sporting event" does not include:

(A) Any horse ~~or greyhound race~~ that is subject to the provisions of the Kansas parimutuel racing act, K.S.A. 74-8801 et seq., and amendments thereto; or

(B) any greyhound race; or

(C) any sporting or athletic event where a majority of the participants are less than 18 years of age

We respectfully request that you amend HB 2199 as outlined above to prohibit betting on greyhound racing.

Thank you.

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Stray Dog Capital
Humane Society of the United States
Kansas Animal Control Association
KC RE-GAP – Greyhound Rescue, Kansas City
Humane Society of Greater Kansas City Great
Plains SPCA – Merriam
Leavenworth Co. Humane Society –
Leavenworth
Southeast Kansas Humane Society – Pittsburg
Helping Hands Humane Society – Topeka
Russel T. Reitz Animal Shelter –
Manhattan We are a Grateful Sanctuary
(WAGS) – Bel Plaine
SRL – All Breed Dog Rescue – Minneapolis
Emporia Animal Shelter – Emporia
Humane Society of the Flint Hills – Emporia
Prairie Paws Humane Society – Ottawa
Always & Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary –
Miami County
Heart of Jackson Humane Society – Holton
Brown Co. Humane Society – Hiawatha
Proud Animal Lovers (PALS) – Parsons
Pawnee Co. Humane Society – Larned
City of Arma – Animal Control – Arma
Humane Society of the High Plains – Hays
Keller K9 ResQ – Quinter
Cowley Co. Humane Society – Winfield
CCARE – Clay Center
Kingman County Humane Society – Kingman
Pals Animal Rescue, Inc. – Wichita
Olive’s Hope – Pleasanton
Wellington Humane Society – Wellington
Western Kansas Animal Alliance, Inc. – Hays
Golden Belt Humane Society – Great Bend
Western Plains Animal Refuge – Hays

SEK Animal Advocates Group –
Pittsburg Allen County Animal Rescue
Facility – La Harpe
Animals With Our Love (AOL) – Independence
Wichita Animal Action League – Wichita
Beauties & Beasts – Wichita
Companion Animal Protection Society
of Kansas – Wichita
Riley County Humane Society – Manhattan