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Huge spike of late in greyhound racing news

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The Pack News Wire is off the charts for breaking news out greyhound racing – in the US and overseas.

Of course, in the United States we are getting legislative reports that bring hope that we might see at least the decoupling of dog racing from casinos. If casinos in states like Florida and West Virginia are allowed to drop dog races, we could see a substantial number of tracks shut down.

This would be great news for the dogs.

A [WUSF article from Feb, 13](#) quoted David Bishop of the Florida Greyhound Association. He challenges the extremely troubling findings of the new report published by GREY2K USA and the ASPCA. He is wrong about the report, but I hope his prediction comes true very soon.

“Let’s make no mistake about it. If passed, it would end greyhound racing in the state of Florida.”

Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-Coral Springs) of Florida is a proponent of decoupling and he was joined by Republican Representative Matt Gaetz at a news conference this week. Hopefully, they can introduce at minimum a decoupling bill right away.

[NWFDailyNews.com](#) quoted [Gaetz](#) Thursday as saying, “I am convinced we will sometime soon see the end of greyhound racing, a barbaric practice that has no place in our society.”

Moskowitz was quoted in [an article by the Florida Times-Union](#):

“This is about businesses being able to make a decision for themselves. Florida, for all the talk about free enterprise, for all the talk about liberty, for all the talk about not having government in the way of over-regulating, Florida actually mandates that a business runs its business like it’s 1997.”

And then there’s Jack Cory, who the Times-Union quoted as a lobbyist for greyhound breeders and dog trainers.

“It would be the end of greyhound racing and the beginning of the expansion of 13 casinos,”

I keep seeing this argument used by dog racing supporters. It amounts to one gambling operation slamming another for being a gambling operation. The quote can be translated to *“If we no longer get to operate our gambling operations that kill and injure dogs, it will only lead to more gambling that doesn’t kill or injure dogs.”*

I don’t gamble at all and don’t even buy lottery tickets. But that’s another strong case for banning greyhound racing. Let people bet on cards dice or machines.

We continue to see more news about ending dog racing in West Virginia, where a new report shows what a loser the industry is on an economic level in the state, as it is in Florida.

The [MetroNews ran a commentary Friday](#) by Hoppy Kercheval, who quotes State Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Hall (R-Putnam) as saying, “Something is going to be done; it’s just a matter of time.”

In Australia, the news is nothing short of disgustingly cruel. The [Sydney Morning Herald reports](#) more than 20 greyhound owners and trainers have been suspended for using live animals as bait and lures for training.

After the raids on the sites, it is alleged that live rabbits, piglets, lambs and poultry were being used in the barbaric training. This industry has a long history of animal cruelty and in recent years, despite new reports such as this, the insiders want us to believe things have changed.

The [Courier Mail out Australia reports](#) Racing Queensland has created a task force to address the reports of live baiting and other acts of cruelty.

ABC Four Corners is set to broadcast a report this weekend titled – “Making A Killing.” The article suggests the piece will expose the “gruesome underbelly” of greyhound racing.

Here we are in 2015 and every time new reports of cruelty, drug use and cheating come out

of dog racing, its defenders act as if it's something new. And in this case, somehow they decide that it's finally time for an investigation.

Another [trainer in Australia is under investigation](#) for allegedly shooting and killing two of his racing dogs.

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